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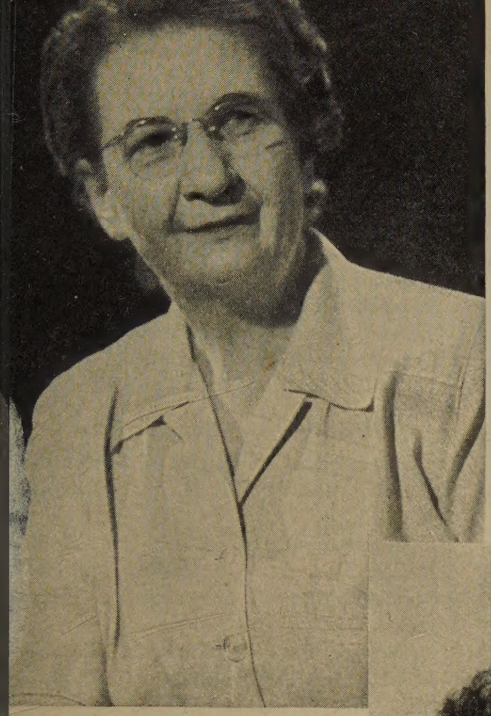

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ASK YOURSELF

1. Name one outstanding event in each year of this quadrennium.

2. Who are the members of the Woman's Division from your Jurisdiction?

3. Who are the new officers?

4. From the account of the annual meeting, name two or three impressions of the advance task ahead of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

5. Describe how a gavel from the ruins of Hiroshima launched the Advance Program. What was its significance?

6. What are some of the special phases of advance of the Woman's Society of Christian Service?

7. What was the financial report from your conference Woman's Society? from your Jurisdiction? from the Society as a whole?

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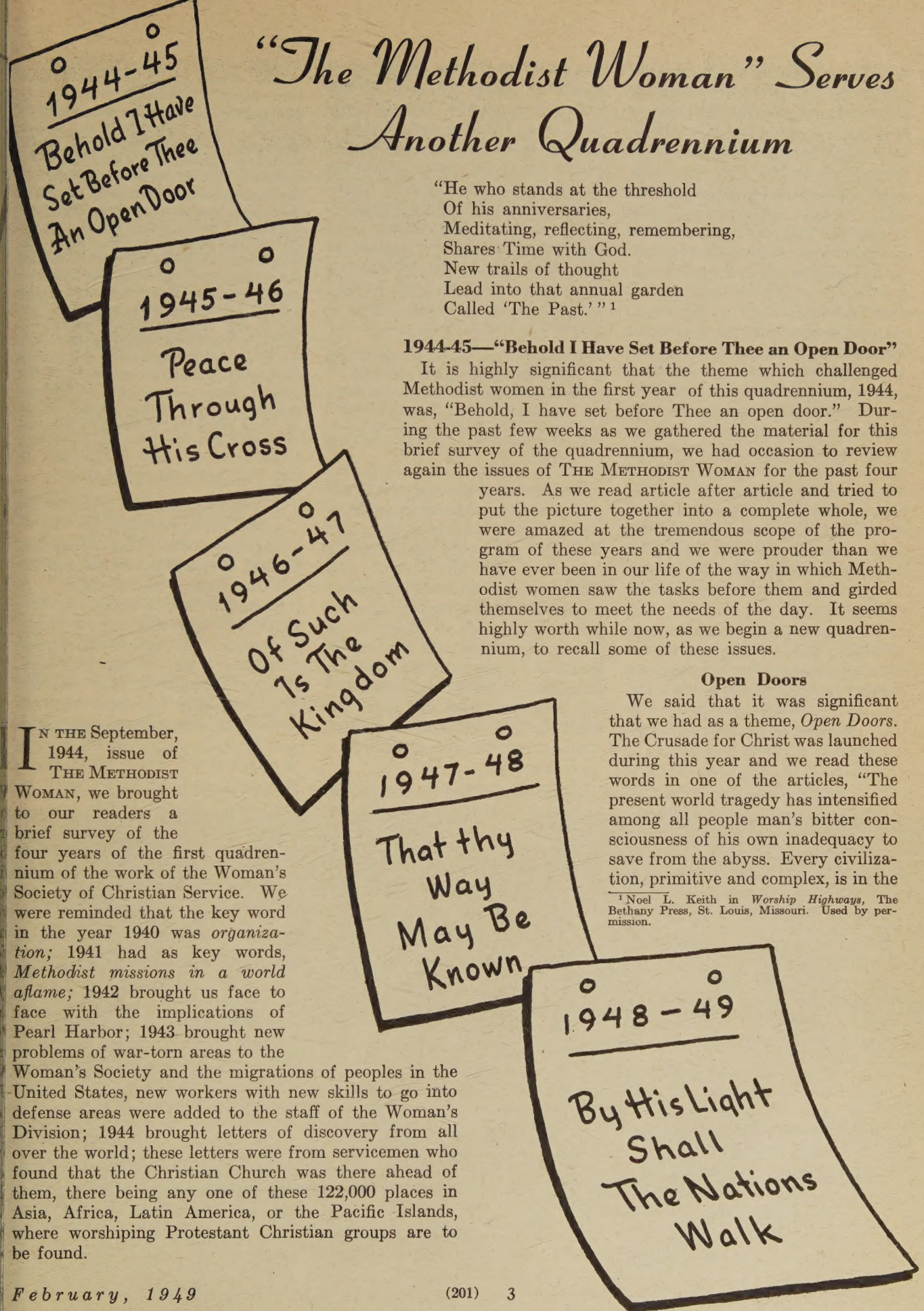

"He who stands at the threshold
Of his anniversaries,
Meditating, reflecting, remembering,
Shares Time with God.
New trails of thought
Lead into that annual garden
Called 'The Past.'" [1]

1944-45—"Behold I Have Set Before Thee an Open Door"

It is highly significant that the theme which challenged Methodist women in the first year of this quadrennium, 1944, was, "Behold, I have set before Thee an open door." During the past few weeks as we gathered the material for this brief survey of the quadrennium, we had occasion to review again the issues of THE METHODIST WOMAN for the past four years. As we read article after article and tried to put the picture together into a complete whole, we were amazed at the tremendous scope of the program of these years and we were prouder than we have ever been in our life of the way in which Methodist women saw the tasks before them and girded themselves to meet the needs of the day. It seems highly worth while now, as we begin a new quadrennium, to recall some of these issues.

Open Doors

We said that it was significant that we had as a theme, *Open Doors*. The Crusade for Christ was launched during this year and we read these words in one of the articles, "The present world tragedy has intensified among all people man's bitter consciousness of his own inadequacy to save from the abyss. Every civilization, primitive and complex, is in the

[1] Noel L. Keith in *Worship Highways*, The Bethany Press, St. Louis, Missouri. Used by permission.

IN THE September, 1944, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, we brought to our readers a brief survey of the four years of the first quadrennium of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. We were reminded that the key word in the year 1940 was *organization;* 1941 had as key words, *Methodist missions in a world aflame;* 1942 brought us face to face with the implications of Pearl Harbor; 1943 brought new problems of war-torn areas to the Woman's Society and the migrations of peoples in the United States, new workers with new skills to go into defense areas were added to the staff of the Woman's Division; 1944 brought letters of discovery from all over the world; these letters were from servicemen who found that the Christian Church was there ahead of them, there being any one of these 122,000 places in Asia, Africa, Latin America, or the Pacific Islands, where worshiping Protestant Christian groups are to be found.

crucible. There is a supreme opportunity now for Christians to press forward on a world scale to achieve advances that, if we delay, may become impossible, but, if we seize the occasion, may lay foundations for universal peace." Methodist women believed this and poured out their gifts to meet these opportunities. They were also concerned that the church meet its opportunities as servicemen returned from the far corners of the world. So conferences were set up on this important problem. The Cleveland Conference on the basis for a just and enduring peace was held, and from it many suggestions were made for the strengthening of the forces of peace through the agency of the United Nations, yet to be brought into existence. On the home front many problems faced Methodist women and caused them grave concern; perhaps the biggest problem was the alarming growth of parental and juvenile delinquency.

Victorious allied troops brought V-E Day and V-J Day and the return of missionaries from concentration camps. Shall we ever forget the lift which they gave us as they brought to us their firsthand experiences of these war years?

Certainly as one looks back to 1944, the words of Grace Noll Crowell are particularly appropriate:

"If we have served thee well, Lord, we would move
Forward beneath thy guiding hand of love,
Beyond that door to wider, fairer fields
Of service and to far more golden yields;
We would be overcomers, we would claim
Thy word: 'I will write upon them my new name.'
Write thou that name upon our hearts if we
Have proven true ambassadors for thee."

1945-46—Peace Through His Cross

The year 1945 brought an uneasy peace and Methodist women were again challenged with a great theme, "Peace Through His Cross." In the words of the editorial announcing this theme, "Peace is not negative. It is not just release from ration points, from casualty lists, from bursting bombs. It is not merely an armistice to keep the enemy out of our yard. It is drawing him in and making him a friend. Peace is positive and progressive. Peace is continuing justice; love adjusting justly to every situation. The peace that Christ brought is a progressive triumph over wrong." It became abundantly clear to Methodist women that

"The peace of the world cannot be won
After the agony, grief, and loss,
Unless we share with God's own Son
The significance of the lifted cross;
Unless we, too, sacrifice, and give
Of ourselves that our fellow men may live."

Our hundreds of missionaries and deaconesses became our peace emissaries. With rare consecration they moved among needy peoples giving help to body, mind, and soul. Through schools, clinics, hospitals, homes for younger and older, settlements, in the rural areas, in the large cities, at the outposts of the world in Africa, in China, in India, in Latin America, the Islands of the Seas, yes, wherever there was need, there you found our consecrated representatives of the women of Methodism.

The year brought a tremendous challenge of reconstruction and development of a postwar world. There came a new realization that we who have suffered so little, comparatively speaking, in this favored land must not fail.

The second assembly of Methodist women was held in Columbus, Ohio, and the theme of this great gathering was, "He Is Our Peace." The message of the president set the keynote for the assembly. Speaking of these days, she said:

"Not one dared to prophecy what we would face as we were swept into the greatest holocaust in the world's history. But in these days of communion and fellowship, of inspiration and study, we faced frankly the fact that we were a part of a new day dawning and that the rapid changes taking place in our world demanded the very highest and best. Our charter and purpose was clear and with faith in the never-failing Christ, we prayed for the courage and wisdom necessary to meet the new day. . . . .

"The events of the past year have been the most momentous in the history of the world. Never have people passed through such epoch-making, world-changing, breath-taking, and heart-searching experiences. Developments—scientific, military, political, moral, and physical—have occurred, not in rapid succession, but as a cataclysm threatening to overwhelm peoples and nations. But at the same time there came the unprecedented public recognition of and heartening emphasis upon the spiritual and the theological forces at work in the world. This, up to the present time, has saved the nations from catastrophe. Christian leaders are realizing that they are given another chance to help create clean hearts and to renew right spirits within. Peoples must learn to live together. The principles of the Prince of Peace must be put into practice, and that right speedily. We recognize that Christian women have a vital part to play in this changing world scene."

The emphasis of the year in the Crusade for Christ program was on evangelism, and The Methodist Church set itself to win one million new members to the church.

Returned missionaries on furlough and new missionaries ready to go to the field met in a historical conference at Albion College, Albion, Michigan. This was the first time they had been together as a group since Methodist union and it was a thrilling experience to watch them. From this meeting they sent out a call to the youth of the church in these words:

"The world needs you! The ravages of war, moral and spiritual confusion, political and social conflicts have made human needs critical in every land from which we come. Shall a Christian way of life prevail in our world?

"Christ needs you! Life can be lifted only through persons. Christ can speak to the youth of the world only through you. This is the year, this is the hour when choices are being made for or against righteousness.

"The church needs you! Methodism is a world-wide fellowship of witnesses. There is a place for every kind of worker of all races. The church needs young people trained and ready to work now. No conference in any country has an adequate staff. The younger churches await you.

"We joy in our tasks! Doctors, nurses, preachers, teachers, social workers: we like being missionaries. We call on you to share in this high privilege of being messengers of the Lord Jesus Christ."

1946-47—Of Such Is the Kingdom

The year 1946 emphasized our stewardship for the child life of the world. The war brought hurts and wounded spirits, some mothers lost sons on Pacific and European battlefields and it left them bitter, but most of them rose to spiritual heights as was expressed by one mother who lost her son in the Pacific, "I want his insurance money to go to bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Japan." Somehow this feeling of bitterness disappears as we think of a little child, and so in this year women were challenged to a new stewardship of service to the children around the world.

This emphasis tied into our general theme for the Crusade for Christ which was Stewardship.

Countries that were closed to us during the war were open, and not only open, but were crying out for Christian friendship and the gospel. In addition to the obvious necessity of providing food and shelter, all manner of services were needed immediately—teaching for those who were ravenous for education, medical care for the victims of prolonged malnutrition and consequent disease, training classes for Christian leaders, strengthening the Christian home, fresh insistence on the fundamental virtues that gave out under the occupation.

All of these multiplied opportunities existed in a world of multiplied costs. Pencils were busy in the meeting of the Finance Committee. One member spoke up and said, "Think what it would mean if each one of our members could see her way to give just 1 cent more per day." Well, what would it mean? Her pencil was busy as she put down—1,250,000 members x $.01 equals $12,500 per day x 365 days which equals $4,562,000. And the 1 cent more per day was launched throughout the Woman's Society in an effort to meet some of these tremendous opportunities.

1947-48—"That Thy Way May Be Known"

An important year in the Woman's Society of Christian Service was 1947. The theme, "That Thy Way May Be Known Upon the Earth," was launched throughout the society. Certainly as we looked out upon the world scene it was evident that greater even than the destruction of cities was the destruction which had come to the moral and religious ideals of the world. Lurid headlines staring at us from the newspapers, screaming over the radio, prove that moral standards, spiritual courage, and religious fervor have been crushed —not merely overseas, but here at home. Gifts of food, clothing, and medicine give the destitute a chance for physical recovery. This must come first. But a more desperate need is that men may find some reason for living, some hope for the future.

Youth realized the truth of this theme as they met, 10,000 of them in Cleveland, Ohio, for they expressed it this way, "Christ Above All."

The General Conference realized it when they met in Boston and planned for a world-wide Advance for Christ and His Church. As a part of this total Advance program, the Woman's Society will share in the Teaching and Preaching Mission with its emphasis on Our Faith, Our Church, Our Ministry, and Our Mission. In addition, the Woman's Society voted to emphasize these four points:

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Advance Program for the Woman's Society of Christian Service is launched in Columbus, Ohio

Organizational Meeting

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Missions and Church Extension for the purpose of organizing the work of the Board for the new quadrennium, convened at the Inn, Buck Hills Falls, Pennsylvania, December 4, 1948, with Bishop W. Earl Ledden, presiding.

After a brief period of worship and dedication by Bishop Ledden, calling for renewed consecration to the task ahead, the meeting was officially called to order.

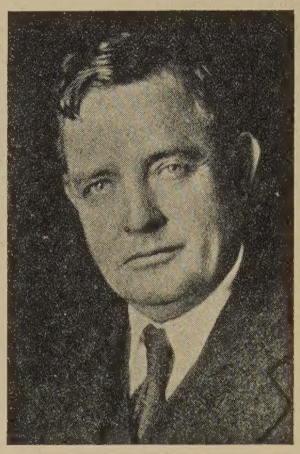
The roll call by Miss Eleanor Welch, Recording Secretary, was answered by most of the elected members.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore was re-elected unanimously as President of the Board.

The Board then proceeded to allocate its membership into the various divisions of the Board: Division of Home Missions and Church Extension; Division of Foreign Missions; Woman's Division of Christian Service. These divisions, in turn, made nominations from their membership to form the Division of Education and Cultivation.

Elected to head the various divisions of the Board as chairmen of respective divisions and vice-presidents of the Board were:

Bishop A. Frank Smith, chairman of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension and Vice-President of the Board.



Bishop Arthur J. Moore, President, Board of Missions and Church Extension

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, chairman of the Division of Foreign Missions and Vice-President of the Board.

Dr. J. W. Hawley, chairman of the Division of Education and Cultivation and Vice-President of the Board.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service was convened by Bishop Marshall R. Reed. After a prayer of consecration, a secretary pro tempore was nominated. Mrs. J. D. Bragg was elected to fill this place. The roll was called, including the members of the Woman's Division elected by the jurisdictions and members of the Council of Bishops, and youth members elected to the Woman's Division. Later, the Committee on Nominations brought nominations for members-at-large, making the following roster of membership for the Woman's Division:

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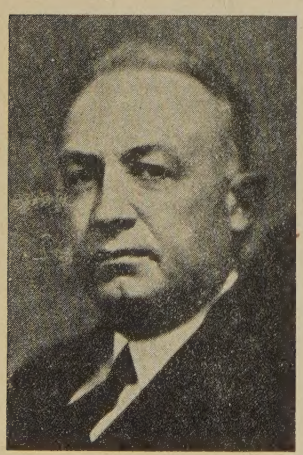

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Recording Secretary: Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver, Winona Lake, Ind.

Chairman Department of Work in Foreign Fields: Mrs. J. D. Bragg, St. Louis, Mo.

Chairman Department of Work in Home Fields: Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Chairman Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, Sherard, Miss.

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Literature and Publications: Mrs. Frank G. Bell.

Supply Work: Mrs. E. Paul Todd.

Spiritual Life: Mrs. E. B. White.

World Federation of Methodist Women: Mrs. Paul Arrington.

Constitution and By-laws: Mrs. James Oldshue.

Missionary Personnel: Mrs. Robert Gordon.

Status of Women: Mrs. L. M. Awtrey.

Library Service: Mrs. David M. Ensell.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Mrs. Charles W. Mead.

Pensions: Mrs. J. W. Masland.

Permanent Funds: Mrs. J. W. Masland.

The Committee on Nominations brought in the following report for the staff, which was adopted:

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India and Pakistan: Miss Lucile Colony.

Japan, Korea, and Philippines: Miss Margaret Billingsley.

Europe and Africa: Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon.

Latin America: Miss Elizabeth Lee.

Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Alexander J. Sifkoff.

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Social Welfare: Miss Miriam V. Ristine.

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Department of Christian Social Relations:

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Miss Eleanor Neff (Associate Secretary).

Miss Dorothy Weber (Associate Secretary).

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Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, Chairman, Department of Christian Social Relations

Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Chairman, Department of Work in United States

Nominated by the Division of Education and Cultivation, and elected by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, were the following secretaries and editors of the Woman's Section of the Joint Division:

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Secretary of Missionary Education: Miss Elizabeth Stinson.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Miss Marion Lela Norris.

Student Work: Miss Dorothy Nyland.

Youth Work: Miss Helen L. Johnson.

Children's Work: Miss Ruby Van Hooser.

Field Cultivation: Miss Harriett Seibert.

Editor of WORLD OUTLOOK and other Joint Literature Publications: Miss Dorothy McConnell.

The following Field Workers were elected by the Woman's Division:

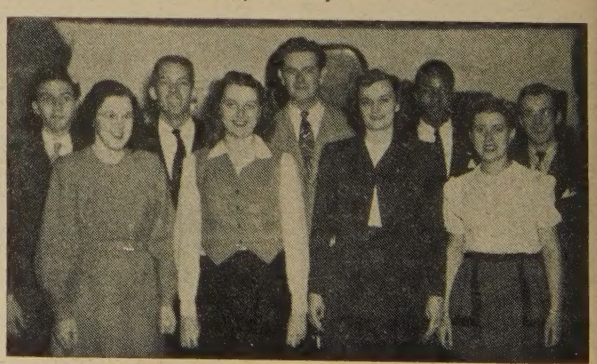
Mrs. W. B. Landrum.

Miss Theressa Hoover.

Miss Alpha Stalson (Wesleyan Service Guild).

The meeting was called for organizational purposes, and a brief two days were spent in organizing the departments and work, but it was also a time of challenge for the days to come. About one third of the members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service have been elected to serve for the first time in this capacity. They took hold of the work like veterans, for they were trained in conference and jurisdiction work. The potential leadership for service in the Woman's Societies of Christian Service across this country leads us to believe the work will never lack for well-qualified women to serve in capacity of local society, district, conference, jurisdiction officers, as well as members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. In the spirit of "Lead On, O King Eternal," they march to a new day of victory.

Youth members of Board of Missions, Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania



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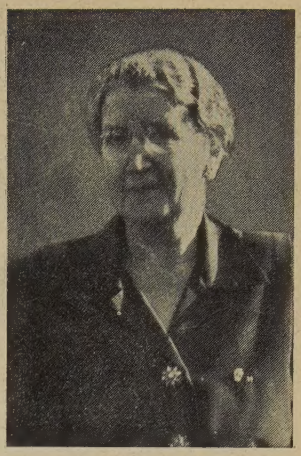

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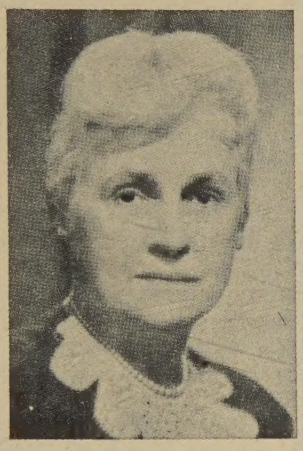

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Introducing the New President

By MRS. J. D. BRAGG

IT HAS been my privilege and pleasure to make many introductions, but none has given me greater joy than to have this opportunity of presenting to Methodist women the new President of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, of Mount Vernon, Iowa. She was elected on December 4, 1948, at the meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

She really needs little introduction as she has moved among us, with beauty and grace, with consecration and spiritual poise, serving in various capacities in our church and on all levels of our society—local, district, conference, jurisdiction, and Division. When elected as a member of the Woman's Division eight years ago, she was treasurer of the Upper Iowa Conference, hence brought a practical understanding of finances, which made her a valuable member of the Committee on Finance and Estimates, on which she served as secretary until elected two years ago as a vice-president of the Division and chairman of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields. She has given splendid service as a teacher in summer schools and spoken in many conferences and other meetings. She always makes an effective contribution to the ongoing of the work of the Kingdom in any position in which she has been called. We can anticipate, through these coming years of *advance*, the dynamic leadership which is needed in the work of our Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Brooks spent the early years of her life in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts. She has had successful experience as a college professor and has traveled in Europe and the Orient. She was a resident of Oklahoma City for seventeen years, where she and her husband were members of the faculty of the university. She was active in church and club circles and has many friends in that city. The Brooks family moved several years ago to Iowa where Dr. Brooks is a professor at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, and incidentally may I add that Dr. Brooks is an active churchman and at present a member of the General Conference Committee on the Advance for Christ and His Church. He is one of those wonderful husbands, whose co-operation is so helpful to leaders of Methodist women all over this great church of ours. There is a lovely daughter, married and living in California, and two adorable grandchildren. Concerning these Mrs. Brooks displays the usual pride and joy which prevails among us all when we talk of our children and grandchildren.

We would like to continue with further introduction, as there is much, much more which could be said of this beautiful lady, but during the coming years we will have an opportunity to know her more intimately as the gracious President of the Woman's Society.

God always raises up leaders for his work, and I sincerely believe that our new President has come to the Kingdom for this hour. We will support her with our prayers, our active devotion to a great cause to which all are committed and with a spirit of consecration which is worthy of Christian women.

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, I present our new President, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks.

"All That is Past is Prologue"

An Account of the Annual Meeting, Woman's Division of Christian Service

THE closing sentence of the account of the Organizational Meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service was this: "In the spirit of 'Lead On, O King Eternal,' they march to a new day of victory." There was a sense of expectancy in this annual meeting; one sensed it in the air. The spirit was *forward;* in short, the word was *advance.* As one saw the fine new women of the Board come into its sessions and take their places in such a splendid way, it was evident that there is being built up in the conference and jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service a leadership well equipped to take the reigns of leadership in the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

As we sat in this meeting, the words of the president of one of our colleges for the training of missionaries came to me. In speaking of the contribution made to the Woman's Division of Christian Service by Mrs. J. D. Bragg, he said, "I firmly believe that the women of Methodism were divinely led in choosing you as their first president, and I look confidently to the growing solidarity of the woman's work in our church, because of the foundations laid under your direction."

As one watched Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, presiding in her new capacity as president of the Woman's Division, this sense of "growing solidarity" of the work of the Woman's Society was so evident that we believe that great new advances await the Woman's Society in the coming quadrennium. We have asked Mrs. Bragg to introduce Mrs. Brooks to you in another spot in the paper. Certainly our organization is to be congratulated in having two such leaders at its head.

There is so little of self-interest in either of these two leaders that they would have me say little of their contribution but dwell on the task to be done. This annual meeting faced that task. Let me share with you something of the vision of our leaders as they look at the

task of the Woman's Society for the next quadrennium.

Advance in Christian Social Relations

The secretaries of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities started their report in this manner: "If we could know where we are and whither we are tending, we could better judge what to do and how to do it." These words of Abraham Lincoln, uttered nearly a century ago, indicate in some measure the confused state of the world today. To "Advance" we must know where we have been and under what circumstances, where we are and in what direction we are moving—then where we go and the route we follow will be determined by the goal we set.

In this day when "human rights" have become the pivot from which the peace of the world hangs in precarious suspension, the Christian faces the immediacy of his task. Working toward achievement of Human Rights for all peoples everywhere becomes "our world mission," the goal for advance in the years ahead.

The "Advance" in the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities will relate itself in a large measure to the following issues evident in today's world, with the full knowledge that these are not new questions. Their urgency is just more evident as new opportunities for action present themselves.

1. *Influencing Church and Community Practices.* The local church assumes a larger place in the life of the community and must more and more be recognized as one of many community agencies. It has a distinct and unique function, that of actively concerning itself with an overall ministry of human need. The program of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities must more effectively lead larger numbers of women into broader concepts of the relation of "activities" in the local church to the church's ministry, to the community locally, and in its larger outreach. This aim may be approached through increased planning and promotion of the following specific interests:

a) Recruiting and training more local church women for active volunteer service in the church and community. This must be done in co-operation with the Committee on Status of Women, the local board of education, and other committees and agencies functioning in the local church.

b) Co-operation by the local church and its agencies with other agencies and groups of the community working for similar purpose. The local church woman will always be a link between her church and her community. To strengthen that link is a must in this Advance.

c) Strengthening the fellowship within the local church itself and in its larger community outreach. The study for 1949-50 on "We, the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church" will undergird this purpose in a world setting, and relate to the second year of the General Church Advance.

d) Relating the educational program of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild to the living issues of the day.

2. *Building Safe Foundations for Family Life.* A stable, secure family life around the world means a world at peace. The White House Conference on Child Welfare called for 1950 is but one milestone indicating the urgency of the problems confronting the family.

During the years immediately ahead, the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities must "Advance" as it plans in practical ways to implement the following needs:

a) A simple basic educational program related to Christian vocation and the family. One of the approved studies for 1950-51 will relate to the vocations of Christians, with special emphasis on current economic practices of society that confront Christians, and tie into the third year of Advance for the General Church.

b) Enlarged but specific emphasis on employment opportunities for women. Guidance for "Advance" in understanding this issue may well stem from the Wesleyan Service Guild. The Committee on Status of Women will be invaluable in securing facts about same.

c) A definite plan for implementing the Findings of the White House Conference on Child Welfare, with the possibility of a major study on some phase of Family Life for 1951-52, the fourth year of Advance for the General Church, when the family will be one of the majors.

d) A program for the family that uproots and prevents racial and group prejudices.

e) Special guidance in working for better housing, education, and health for all families in the community.

3. *Arousing the Voice and Vote of the Christian.* The voice and vote of a Christian citizen can go far toward healing the wounds of the world. Today more than ever before governments and rulers of the world listen to the voice of the people. In the approach to this purpose, the Department's program must relate itself more effectively to the following needs in the realm of political action:

a) Increased attention to political action seminars on a national, state, and local level.

b) Simple guidance for individuals and groups in the interpretation and evaluation of propaganda.

c) Co-operation with other agencies in citizenship classes for training new citizens and potential citizens.

d) Promotion through churches, schools, and colleges, of a training program for citizenship and service in public office, locally and nationally.

4. *Strengthening the Moral Forces At Work Today.* The program of Advance for this department must relate itself to the larger program of the church in promoting a positive emphasis on the following:

a) Increased emphasis on a basic program of alcohol education and action in the church and community, stemming from the church as well as the public school.

b) A community-centered church program that undermines the causes of crime and delinquency.

c) New emphasis on mental health in individual, family, and community life.

5. *Safeguarding Human Freedoms Around the World.* In a book recently published entitled *In Henry's Backyard,* by Ruth Benedict and Gene Weltfish, we find these sentences: "One night Henry had a remarkable dream. He dreamed that the whole world became so small that it fitted nicely into his own back yard and all sorts of people had become his neighbors." When he waked up he found this to be literally true! The church and its agencies will advance in proportion to their inclusion on a basis of full fellowship of all the peoples of the local community and of the world. The program of this department must implement this purpose in specific action related to the following:

a) The enactment, into law and practice, of the recommendations of the Report on Civil Rights of the President's Committee.

b) The acceptance and adoption by this nation of a strong International Bill of Rights stemming from the United Nations.

c) The removal of all discriminatory immigration policies, and an open door for the displaced persons of the world.

d) The removal of all forms of segregation within The Methodist Church.

6. *Applying Christianity to Economic Life.* The church must make its influence felt on the economic life of the world through the decisions of its members in their various occupations and as citizens of the community. The church itself is an institution which employs labor, owns property, invests funds, and

accepts contributions. Its practices must be made more Christian lest it continue to violate personality and sanction injustice.

7. *Undergirding the United Nations.* The United Nations is the only organized agency in the world today with channels to generate a spirit and active program of international friendship and co-operation adequate to bring peace.

The Advance program must be related to the following:

a) Strengthening the agencies of the United Nations, and working through the channels of the United Nations to achieve a world government that will assure permanent peace.

b) Co-operating in definite planning to generate more understanding and concern for women's responsibility in world affairs in all nations.

c) Analyzing and interpreting propaganda methods used to build or to block world co-operation among nations.

d) Finding specific ways to influence the foreign policy of the United States toward world co-operation.

e) Working for the full participation of the United States in the reduction of trade barriers.

f) Relating in practical ways the above aspects of our international responsibility to the missionary enterprise around the world.

A program of action based on these objectives and passed by the Woman's Division may be found on pages 18-19.

The Department expressed its heartiest appreciation of the splendid service rendered it by its retiring chairman, Mrs. James Oldshue, and welcomed with the same spirit of loyal co-operation the new chairman, Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, of Sherard, Mississippi.

The Department had as its guests during their sessions: Dr. Herman H. Long, Associate Director, Department of Race Relations, American Missionary Association; Miss Clara Hardin, Public Affairs Department, National Board Y.W.C.A.; Mrs. C. A. Bender, Newark Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; Dr. Harold Ehrensperger, editor of *motive*. All of these resource persons helped immensely in the framing of the objectives which will guide the department during this coming year.

Advance in Home Missions

The introduction to the report of this department was written by Mrs. Fred C. Reynolds who has guided this department through the first two quadrenniums of its work in united Methodism. She expresses the need for Advance in this department of our work along these lines: "For many months the Woman's Division has been studying and planning how it might best open paths and inspire its members to move forward. The Executive Secretaries of this department, with the help of local workers, have looked critically at the fields for which they are especially responsible. The department as a whole has considered the general phases of our national life. The resulting findings are such that it might appear that the United States as a Christian nation is on trial before the world. The impression can be given that we are a people materially and secularly-minded, rather indifferent to the welfare of millions of children and older citizens here at home, a people not really believing in God, certainly not in the Fatherhood of God, making us brothers in him. There is illiteracy outright and functional for ten millions of adults; there are no schools for thousands of little ones; lack of health facilities for millions of others; children without homes, children in godless homes. In fact, only a little more than half the population pretend to be related to a church. These facts are oppressive. So we look to the future. To make a beginning of meeting the needs in Home Fields will require for the coming quadrennium more than eight millions of dollars. Let us act at once. Indeed, there is a growing conviction that for the very life and character of Christianity itself in America, *now* is the time for the church to express the spirit of its Saviour and to give as never before."

On pages 16-17 are to be found some of the places where Advance should be made in this area of our work.

As the leadership of this department of work performed so faithfully and well by Mrs. Reynolds passed to her successor, Mrs. A. C. Johnson, we were reminded of the splendid tribute to Mrs. Reynolds' leadership given by Mrs. Johnson in the closing session of the department at the last annual meeting. Speaking of this contribution, Mrs. Johnson said:

"We of the Home Department say 'thank you,' with a deep sense of sincere appreciation and heartfelt love.

"We say 'thank you' for your able leadership and guidance through these years. In our embryonic stage, through our toddling days, and learning to walk together in the work of the department for interpreting the work and each of us, one to the other, for giving so unselfishly and tirelessly of your time and energy; for your sympathetic understanding and tolerance.

"Likewise to the members of the staff we would say 'thank you' for your constructive work and fine leadership in your respective fields, without which the department could not function. Some of you have been with us from the beginning of our organization—some are rather new, having succeeded those who left us for other fields of service; a few to establish homes into which 'little blessings' have come. But to each and every one of you, we, of the Home Department, would take this opportunity to express our very deep, sincere appreciation."

As the department planned its program of Advance, it was especially helpful to have the following workers from our institutions with us to guide and direct. From the Bureau of Educational Institutions, there was Mrs. Evelyn Thomas of Sager-Brown Home, Baldwin, Louisiana, and Mr. Carl Todacheene of the Navajo Methodist Mission School at Farmington, New Mexico. From the Bureau of Town and Country, there were Miss Rena Lynch, Virginia Conference Rural Worker, and Miss Mary Riddle of the Latin-American Community Center, Ozona, Texas. From the Urban Bureau, there were Miss Ida Bilger of the Bethlehem Community Center, Augusta, Georgia, and Miss Alice McLarty of the Bethlehem Center, Dallas, Texas. From the Bureau of Social Welfare, there were Mr. and Mrs. George Green of Jesse Lee Home, Seward, Alaska. From the Bureau of Medical Work, there were Miss Florence M. Jones, Superintendent, Brewster Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida, and Miss Claire Bowman, Assistant Director of Nurses, Sibley Hospital, Washington, D. C. From the Bureau of Dea-

coness Work, there were the Misses Dorothea Reid, Head Resident, Centenary Methodist Institute, Nashville, Tennessee; Dale Keeler, National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Missouri; and Emma Burris, Head Resident, Marcy Center, Chicago, Illinois.

Department of Work in Foreign Fields

The introduction to the report was written again by a retiring chairman, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks. In speaking of the needs for Advance around the world, she says:

"Our world is darkened today! It is all too easy to enumerate the dark spots: in Korea, a country split into two parts; in China, a war with Communists; in the East Indies, colonial unrest; in France and Italy, political instability; in Greece, guerrilla warfare; in the Holy Land, Arab-Israel conflict; in India, Moslem-Hindu friction. As you continue to look at your world, however, your eyes begin to see bright spots: Ehwa College in Korea, where beautiful Christian young women are singing 'The Messiah'; McTyeire School in China, 90 per cent of whose graduates go on to institutions of higher learning and into every profession open to women; Lal Bagh Girls' High School in India, the oldest educational institution for girls in the Orient, founded by Isabella Thoburn, and the stem from which Isabella Thoburn College sprang; Bennett College in Rio de Janeiro, the only Protestant junior college for girls in Latin America, giving diplomas in education, home economics, religious education, and social work.

" 'One World in Christ' is far from realization, but lights to point the way have appeared in schools, in colleges, in social-evangelistic centers, in hospitals.

"The sending of twenty-three young women to Japan and six to Korea is, perhaps, the glowing achievement of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields for 1948. These young folk we lovingly call our 'J-3's' and 'K-3's.' For three years they will live among young Japanese or Koreans, sharing their high-school life with its unheated schoolrooms and poor equipment, and trying to show, through daily living, the radiance of the Christian way of life. This *Fellowship of Christian Reconstruction* is something new in missions. A new day has dawned!

"And with the dawn comes the call to advance! Each country has been carefully surveyed; each 'dark spot' has been noted. The Department of Work in Foreign Fields is ready to go forward! Plans for Advance are listed on pages 16-17 and in the October issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.*

"The one great plea voiced by all the Executive Secretaries of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields is: we must have more missionaries to lead in religious education, to train kindergarten teachers, to serve in social-evangelistic centers, to work in rural communities, to teach in our high schools and colleges, to nurse in our hospitals and clinics, to assist in the use of audio-visual material. A recent study of our foreign missionaries, now in active service, reveals that their median age is 52 years, 6 months. This is a heartbreaking fact which should serve as a challenge to conferences that have not sent a missionary to a foreign field in many years. 'By His Light Shall the Nations Walk!' "

The department took seriously this challenge. Under its able, new chairman, Mrs. J. D. Bragg, these advances will be made. It was inspiring to have in the department meetings the following missionaries who were so helpful in planning strategy for the advance of the work in their area:

From Africa, there were the Misses Violet Crandall of Angola; Victoria Lang, Portuguese East Africa; Ona M. Parmenter and Lulu L. Tubbs from Southern Rhodesia. *From China,* there were the Misses Ethel Bose of East China; Pearl Fosnot of West China Union University; Mollie Townsend of Danforth Hospital, Kiukiang; Ethel Wallace of Hwa Nan College, Foochow; and Mrs. Pearl Willis Jones of Danforth Hospital, Kiukiang. *From India,* there were the Misses Helen Buss of Delhi; Ruth Cox of Almora; Helen Fehr of Jagdalpur; Eunice Porter of Brindaban; and Emma Stewart from Nander-Udgir. *From Japan,* there were the Misses Charlie Holland of Nagasaki; Hamako Hirose, president, Seiwa Joshi Gakuin; and Teruko Komyo of the Woman's Christian College, Tokyo. *From Korea,* there was Miss Esther Hulbert; Miss Ruth Atkins from the *Philippine Islands.*

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Section of Education and Cultivation

The problem which faced the Section of Education and Cultivation was getting these tremendous needs and problems down to the local church. The slogan of the Department of Christian Social Relations, "All Action Is Local," might well be the theme of the Section, for we realize that unless all of these carefully formulated plans get down to the local society, the advance needed cannot take place. Therefore all the interests represented in the Section were concerned with this problem. With the promotion of the chairman of the Section to the Vice-Presidency of the Woman's Division, Mrs. John M. Pearson was chosen to guide the work of this department. Her background as vice-president of the Northeastern Jurisdiction and close contact with the local society make her eminently fitted for this important post.

Plans were made for strengthening the work of Children and of Youth, Student Work, the Wesleyan Service Guild, increasing the subscriptions to our magazines; and on the adult level, to promote a more effective program of study and action, secure the one million new members to the society, and the setting of the spring as a time when Advance Caravans will contact local societies in the interest of the Advance program.

As the plans were made, another poem came to my mind, one written especially for the Advance by Grace Noll Crowell. She calls it "Christianity's Onrush"—

It is coming! Hark, the sound is on the air!
It rolls like thunderous waves across a sea:
The tramp of millions drawn from everywhere
In the great advance of Christianity.

Gavel From Ruins of Hiroshima Launches Advance Program

LONG-DIVIDED American Protestantism, represented by 3,500 delegates from sixty-five denominations in the United States and Canada, united their efforts in Columbus, Ohio, in "the greatest cooperative program of world missionary service in church history."

Quick to respond to the appeal made by the first World Council of Churches which met in Amsterdam last summer, the Foreign Mission Assembly enthusiastically adopted a Program of Advance in foreign missions which was recommended to it by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and endorsed by spokesmen of ten foreign countries in which missionary work is now progressing.

The Cross is stronger than are these

One of the most dramatic moments of the great meeting occurred in the very beginning when Takuo Matsumoto, a survivor of the bombing of Hiroshima, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan and principal of the Hiroshima Girls' School, presented a gavel to Dr. R. E. Diffendorfer, chairman of the Assembly. The gavel, carved from the stump of a tree destroyed by the first atomic bomb, was presented to the presiding officer as a "token of deep esteem and great appreciation" for his contribution to the cause of missions, particularly in Japan and other countries of the Far East.

In accepting the gavel, Dr. Diffendorfer expressed the hope that "we may create a world in which atomic bombing will have no part whatsoever."

Mr. Matsumoto voiced the desire that there shall rise out of the ruins a real Christian church and school, and that Hiroshima's fame will be derived not merely from the bombing but also as a Christian city representing Christian principles and democracy.

The enthusiasm which followed the announcement of Protestant agreement to follow what will be called the "One World in Christ" program confirmed predictions that this three-day conference might mark an important milestone in the movement toward a united Christian Church.

Dr. Diffendorfer tempered the enthusiasm of the delegates by warning, "Either we are going to rise to the opportunities that are before us today, or we are going to be moved increasingly upon the side lines, and other forces and agencies are coming forward with positive programs to meet the world's needs."

The topics of the various sessions indicate something of the tremendous breadth of this conference: The World Community, The World in Revolution, One World in Christ, United Strategy, Partners in Obedience, The Christian Faith and Today's Headlines, and Our Response. It is not the purpose of this brief report to give a day-by-day description of this conference but to select from the many addresses made items of special concern for the Advance program.

The World Community

Vera Michelens Dean: "Our greatest major world responsibility is to define as clearly as possible this nation's principal objectives in world affairs. Our second responsibility is to provide the practical means by which these objectives can be implemented. Here we have the responsibility of understanding that there are no easy remedies for the many problems of our times. We may have to wrestle with them for years to come—and for that purpose we must arm ourselves, not only with conventional armaments, but also with patience, and with sufficient imagination to perceive the significance of the problems of our times.

"Of these problems Communism is but one aspect—and Communism is a symptom, an end-product, not the primary cause of the disorders of our civilization. The fabric of world economy has been rent by two grueling global wars. We are helping to mend it—but the mending process is slow, and imposes fresh sacrifices.

"We must not allow ourselves to be discouraged by the fact that the UN has not fulfilled all the hopes originally placed upon it. Three years of the UN, and even twenty-five years of the League of Nations, are but a moment in world history."

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam: "The church must move in on the economic order so it will be rebased and remotivated and service rather than self-interest may become its primary drive.

"The autocratic principle must give way to the democratic in our economic life.

"The church must recognize that hunger has been a fact for centuries and that it is not a task of relief but a problem of reordering our economic life so that every man has enough to eat, decent clothing, and a place to live.

"The church must reach into the minds of our economists, engineers, and educators in such fashion that the moral ideal is translated by them into the realities of the common life. The problem is finding the means to give life to the ideal."

The World in Revolution

From the Philippines: "As we look around, we see a world shattered, devastated, prostrate. The only bright spot that is left is this mighty and splendid land of yours. Back of this great blessing must be a great purpose. The world is so weary of war that it is ready to follow if it is shown the way. Let us pray that the Christian leadership of America will respond to the challenge of a world in dire need." (Mateo F. Occena.)

From Japan: "It is amazing how our people have lost all prejudice and misunderstanding of Christianity. There is a lot to do and many obstacles, but Japan stands at the threshold of becoming Christian." (Rev. Michio Kozaki.)

From Korea: "Korea is the Berlin in the Far East today. Here democracy meets Communism, America the Soviet Russia. The awful effect of the situation is beyond description—politically, economically, religiously, and socially. It is our conviction that if we seize this opportunity in the right way and enter into this open gate promptly, Korea will be the first truly Christian, democratic nation in the Far East." (Mr. Kyung Chik Han.)

From India: "Whether we like it or not, the world of our day has shrunk a great deal and it is one whole and has to be treated as such. The World Church is also a fact of our time and we have a duty to recognize that the strength of the World Church is to be measured by its weakest member. The fight of the World Church today is on the frontiers. In the call to planned effort to sanctify the whole of life in an Indian village and in the call to meet the challenge of the hardening opposition from the intelligentsia of India, you in the States have a share. For the sake of the World Church of which you and we are parts, we have to pool our resources in personnel and finance and stand shoulder to shoulder so that we may adequately convey the message of redemption that our Lord has entrusted to us." (Rev. Paul Ramaseshan.)

From Africa: "Intensive programs of development of natural and human resources are under way in noncolonial African territories: in Liberia, Ethiopia, Southern Rhodesia, and the Union of South Africa. Hundreds of millions of blueprints are already on hand for the rapid and widespread development of Africa.

"There are four principal factors responsible for this completely altered attitude toward Africa: world strategy, European economic need, increasing nationalism in the East and the fact that Africa is the only large populated and productive area left in the world in and about which, for the years just ahead, outside nations can pretty much do as they please. It is this fourth factor which the Christian Church must squarely face." (Emory Ross.)

One World in Christ

With these statements from the world as a background, the emphases in advance were graphically outlined by representatives from around the world. These emphases include:

a. Christianizing rural life through service and training centers with a comprehensive approach to the village; to provide training in improved agriculture, better housing, sanitation, and public health, co-operatives, recreation, spiritual uplift through worship, religious education, Christian home and family life.

b. Developing Christian urban centers.

c. Literacy campaigns, with the ideal of "a literate Christian Church" following up the creative work of Dr. Frank Laubach.

d. Literature for the church and community to meet the needs of the rapidly increasing literate peoples.

e. Christianizing youth and student life.

f. Christianizing home and family life as an effective witness to the power of Christ to change and uplift ideals in non-Christian lands.

g. Utilizing the radio and other audio-visual aids in extending Christian service to the whole community.

h. The ministry of compassion as evidenced in medical and public health calls for reopening and rebuilding hospitals in war areas, co-operation in programs, training of Christian doctors, nurses, and technicians on the fields and advanced training abroad.

i. The ministry of relief and reconciliation in famine and disturbed areas must be continued in co-operation with Church World Service and other agencies.

j. Continued need of leaders in all lines, and the upbuilding of the Christian Church and community calls for continued emphasis on Christian schools.

Then there followed the implementation of these needs in the various fields: Latin America, Africa, Europe, Near East, India and Pakistan, southeast Asia, Philippines, Okinawa, China, Korea, and Japan. The detailed plans of this program may be secured from the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. (single copy, 35 cents). See also *Let's Act Now,* by Richard Terrill Baker. This may be secured from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. (Price, 50 cents.)

United Strategy

"The dominating fact in the life of the church in our time is that it is world wide. Whatever the church's weaknesses and failures in the past 150 years—and they have been many—it has not forgotten its missionary mandate. The gospel has been preached unto the uttermost parts of the earth and the church established in almost every land.

"The church is not at the end of its missionary task. It is only at the beginning. The world-wide establishment of the church is but the preparation for and the prelude to an even mightier task.

"We need a strategy of evangelism matched to the greatness of this hour. Not since the collapse of the old Christian empire has history offered the church an assignment so difficult or so magnificent as that which confronts it now. God is calling the church to a tremendous task—an essentially missionary task. We must conceive that task as an obligation of the universal church and not exclusively the concern of the older churches. We must conceive it as a united task.

"We must act together in bringing home to the *whole church* its missionary obligation. The Amsterdam Assembly of the World Council of Churches declared: 'The evident demand of God in this situation is to win the whole world for Christ.'

"That will remain a pious hope unless we give bone and flesh to it by making this Advance campaign not just one more promotion stunt, but an instrument through which God, through us, can call the churches of North America to their greater assignment and to costly commitment to the gospel." (Dr. Charles W. Ranson.)

"It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness"

The Woman's Society and the Advance Program

IN CONNECTION with the Advance program of the Foreign Missions Conference described on the preceding pages, two other important groups met in Columbus: the conference of district superintendents; representatives of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The district superintendents came together to discuss the quadrennial plan of The Methodist Church and the group representing the Woman's Society of Christian Service considered the advance needs of the work at home and abroad entrusted to the women of the church.

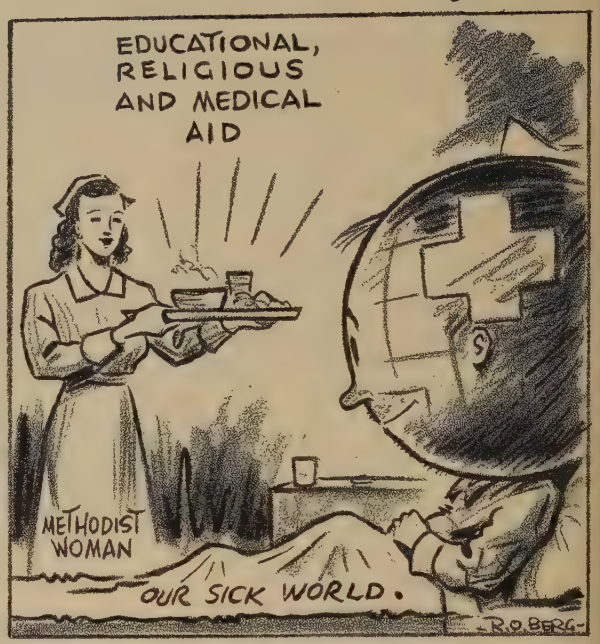
It is impossible, in the limit of pages available in THE METHODIST WOMAN, to do more than bring the most important features of this Advance program to our readers. We are, therefore, following the procedure adopted in the account of the Foreign Missions Assembly of giving pertinent extracts from the statements made by the executive secretaries in their two-day presentation before this group.

Advance in Educational Institutions. "Let us think first of the people who are reached. It is challenging to consider that they run the gamut from the descendants of the first American to the newest immigrant—from the American Indian to the Mexican who comes across the Rio Grande. . . . .

"Our schools have done commendable work with inadequate and limited facilities. Our watchword, however, should be quality—quality in the sense of meeting accreditation standards, of being experimental centers for progressive methods of education, of having an atmosphere which will be conducive to the best Christian training of adolescents and children. To meet this standard of quality, we need first of all teachers who are well prepared and Christian. . . . .

"To advance in our schools and colleges, then, means more adequate physical plants, means better support for our teachers, thus making wider selection possible. It means more resources for experimentation, pioneer explorations, it means enriching curriculums, it means all this for one purpose only—the development of Christian character in thousands of children and young people," (MURIEL DAY.)

Advance in Town and Country. "In our work in towns and in the country we need well-equipped buildings. Many of the buildings . . . . should have extensive repairs. A number of new buildings are needed. At some of our centers, land should be purchased and transformed into attractive, well-equipped playgrounds. . . . . In whatever it undertakes to do, the church should be out ahead, leading the way. Adequate equipment, including audio-visual aids, religious education materials, and mobile equipment would enable our rural workers to increase the effectiveness of their efforts." (MARJORIE MINKLER.)



Will you help supply it?

Advance in Urban Work. "The Urban Bureau has responsibility for our community centers or settlement houses in cities over 10,000 population. Wesley Houses, Bethlehem Centers, and other Neighborhood Houses—our centers are trying to help build a world Christian community. . . . . One phase of our Advance in the Urban Bureau is the need for a hundred workers for replacements in the next few years. Some of our work is bursting out at the seams because it is being carried on in a small building, often a former family dwelling. The number of activities is limited because there is not space available. We all know that living costs and current expenses have increased. Just to keep pace with our present program, and then to advance in strengthening our program, we must go forward." (MRS. MABEL GARRETT WAGNER.)

Advance in Social Welfare. "Nowhere have opportunities grown so rapidly or methods improved so steadily as in the field of social welfare. But to go out and meet the new demands that are coming to us, we must find additional resources both of money and of spirit.

"One of the very successful undertakings of this Bureau made possible by the Crusade for Christ, was the work carried on during the war in industrial communities. . . . . Now we need to make sure that the large housing projects that have taken the place of these temporary homes are not without a church connection. . . . .

"Closely related to these uprooted American families are the displaced persons from Europe who are now coming to these shores. We are asking that funds be apportioned to the Bureau for the purchase or erection of another Friendship Home. In order to keep abreast of the best thought and practice in the field of child care, we shall have to make some important changes in our children's homes programs. New homes need to be established. One of our greatest needs is for more space in our rest homes for retired deaconesses. New Esther Halls are needed in several of our cities. A full-time assistant should be found for our Immigration Station in San Francisco." (MIRIAM RISTINE.)

Advance in Medical Work. "Requests have come to the Home Department of the Woman's Division to open hospitals and clinics in a number of localities not having adequate medical facilities, many with no facilities whatever. These requests have not been granted because of lack of funds. . . . . One of these requests comes from a community in Alaska that has a fully equipped hospital all ready to turn over to us if we will staff and operate it." (MRS. ROBERT STEWART.)

Advance in Africa. "The training of Christian leaders is high in the plans for Advance in Africa. Training institu-

tions, Bible schools, schools of nursing education now in existence are to be strengthened and enabled to prepare more preachers, teachers, nurses, Bible women, and rural leaders.

"Rural centers with a program of practical evangelism to meet the whole of life in villages is the next step in rural Christian work.

"Urban centers are equally important. Christian hostels for girls in cities are almost the only means of making it possible for an unmarried girl, employed in the city, to live a decent life." (LUCILE COLONY.)

Advance in Burma. "The Christian forces hope to establish a Christian university to replace Judson College. . . . . Before the war, the government hospital and medical college were adequate to supply medical and surgical aid for the population of Rangoon. Due to the evacuation of medical personnel and to the bombing of the prewar buildings, it has been impossible for the government to establish either a hospital or a medical college to meet the physical needs of the people. The church feels that this is a new phase of work which must be undertaken." (LUCILE COLONY.)

Advance in China. "Therefore, these Chinese leaders say that the foremost need is for more workers—missionaries as well as young Chinese men and women to man the work as it now exists, not to mention to go forward in a time of unprecedented need and opportunity.

"The need for workers is matched by the need for funds to make possible more adequate maintenance for those now serving in the various institutions and for those yet to come. Tools for work are also greatly needed." (LOUISE ROBINSON.)

Advance in India and Pakistan. "First and foremost in our plans for India and Pakistan is to provide more missionaries and trained nationals. We plan to extend the service of hospitals into villages with wayside dispensaries. We plan village centers for every district, with schools, making it possible for all children to have an opportunity to learn to read, with adult education classes to reduce the illiteracy now prevailing to fifty per cent literacy among our people by 1951." (LUCILE COLONY.)

Advance in Malaya, Sumatra, and Borneo. "However, the present personnel of the Woman's Division in Malaya is dangerously low even for the work now being carried on, not to mention personnel for new work. The greatest need, therefore, is to send out well-equipped educational missionaries.

"Although in the past new buildings have been financed by the government and by the patrons of the schools, it may be necessary to send out funds during this difficult postwar period. In any case, funds will be needed for boarding schools, the most urgent need being the hostel for Malay girls in Malacca.

"As yet we have very little work in Borneo, but there is great opportunity for evangelistic work in that country. In Sumatra we now have only one missionary. This work must be strengthened." (LOUISE ROBINSON.)

Advance in the Philippines. "Mary Johnston Hospital is one of our first and most urgent needs. Crusade funds with some private gifts will erect the building, but there is need for equipment and funds for the necessary budget.

"The University of the Philippines estimates that no less than 14,000 students will be enrolled when the school opens its new buildings the first of the year. Former buildings were all destroyed by the war. We want to establish a Protestant center at the site of this new university which will cost between $250,000 and $300,000. All Boards working in the Philippines are asked to co-operate in this wonderful opportunity." (MARGARET BILLINGSLEY.)

Advance in Japan. "Our greatest responsibility is in the four colleges, one junior college and seven high schools for girls which were started and continued to this day by Methodist women. . . . . As an investment in the future of Christianity among the Japanese people, as a token of good will following wartime destruction, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America have acted with favorable unanimity on the proposal that the Christian churches of this country be given an opportunity to assist in the establishment of a Christian university in Japan. Interested mission boards have been asked to provide the first million." (MARGARET BILLINGSLEY.)

Advance in Korea. "'Send us missionaries,' is the first and loudest plea. Missionary nurses, doctors, social workers, evangelists, rural workers, youth and student workers, and teachers of all subjects are needed.

"One of the new approaches to the great opportunities and needs is the beginning of a rural center in Wonju. Here an agricultural unit has been started by the establishment of an experimental farm. A health unit with a mobile clinic is also under way. Mass evangelism, Christian home and family life, and Christian workers' training program will be added as workers are available. Needed at once are missionaries trained in home economics, agricultural service, extension work, religious education for rural areas and audio-visual education.

"Medical work in Korea is suffering from lack of trained personnel and insufficient funds for rehabilitation." (MARGARET BILLINGSLEY.)

Advance in Latin America. "The Advance program emphasizes the need for more missionaries: Jesus Christ is not taught. He is 'caught' through the contagious living of Christianity by those who know him as their personal Saviour. One reason why our schools have not been more fruitful in converts is that we have never had enough missionaries to carry the load. We ask for 103 new missionaries: teachers of English, Bible, music, home economics, religious education, social workers, rural workers, administrators, even a treasurer. In countries where the population is 75 per cent rural, we call for thirty new rural missionaries. Bishop Dacorso, of Brazil, writing from a country station said: 'There is going on here a great religious movement. In some places multitudes, without exaggeration, attend our meetings.' The urgent need is for more rural missionaries.

"Latin America must have higher education on the Protestant basis. The Advance program plans for the development of Bennett Junior College (Rio) into a full liberal arts college, and for the establishment of junior colleges at Crandon Institute in Montevideo and Lima High School in Peru, as well as several normal schools. Also we need $500,000 as our share of the proposed evangelical university in Brazil. We must provide student hostels; develop new rural stations." (ELIZABETH M. LEE.)

"Human Rights—Our World Mission"

Program adopted by The Woman's Division of Christian Service
Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania
December 14, 1948

General Recommendations

We recommend:

1. That the quadrennial Advance program for the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, built around the purpose "Human Rights —Our World Mission," become the basis for action for the year 1949. (See free leaflet outlining this Advance program — "Human Rights Our World Mission," Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.)

2. That an approved study for 1950-51 be planned around the topic, "A Christian's Vocation."

3. That the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities give active support to the Children's International Emergency Fund of the United Nations, and that, as plans for the Fund are worked out, the Department give guidance to the Woman's Society of Christian Service as to specific ways in which this support may be manifested.

4. That the Woman's Division co-operate in the sponsoring of the Conference on Unfinished Business in Social Legislation to be held in Washington, D. C., February 7-8, 1949.

5. We request that a letter be sent to President Truman from the Woman's Division, urging him to create a permanent Committee on Civil Rights.

Working for Christian World Order

1. We commend the resolutions on international affairs adopted by the Board of Missions on December 10, 1948, and refer them to members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for study and action:

"I. We regard as one of the most tragic consequences of war and fertile breeders of future conflict, the fact that the refugee problem is substantially larger today than in 1945. In spite of the repatriation of seven million displaced persons in Europe, this postwar increase has been mainly brought about by the expulsion from their homes of more than ten million 'Potsdam Refugees,' by refugees from India and Pakistan, by northern Koreans who have migrated to south Korea, and by Arab refugees from Palestine. We therefore affirm the following resolution of the Amsterdam Assembly of the World Council of Churches:

" 'In view of the facts that only one million out of at least twelve million uprooted persons are at present eligible for United Nations' care under the constitution of the International Refugee Organization, and that the vast majority excluded from IRO care are exiled and homeless as the direct consequence of action by one or more member governments of United Nations, the committee urges that strong representation be made to the United Nations, calling upon them to take effective steps to care for all those exiles, either by amendment of the constitution of IRO, and a consequent increase in its budget, or in some other effective way.'

"II. In view of President Truman's announcement that he will ask the Eighty-first Congress to appropriate sixteen million dollars to meet the United States of America's proportionate share of the fund requested by United Nations for the relief of Arab refugees, the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church records its hearty approval of the President's request and urges speedy enactment of legislation appropriating this amount to such relief purposes.

"III. Recognizing the limitations of the United Nations Charter, we affirm our conviction that the nations of the world should refrain from unilateral policies and actions in international affairs which endanger world peace. We particularly urge that the government of the United States of America place its confidence, strength, and continued adequate financial support in the United Nations.

"IV. Recognizing the difficulties of diplomatic adjustment between the governments of the Soviet Union and the United States of America, we believe that the people of both lands are deeply desirous of peace. We, therefore, urge the continuance of negotiations on all possible levels looking toward the establishment of peace treaties and the easing of tensions in Central Europe and the Far East. Believing that truth and justice can eventually transcend every barrier, we call for increased efforts in furthering all possible exchanges between the Soviet Union and the United States of America.

"V. We respectfully urge that the European Recovery Plan, popularly known as 'The Marshall Plan,' be kept strictly to its original objectives of relief and rehabilitation. We insist, therefore, that the program be in no sense permitted to become a 'military lend-lease' program for the rearming of Western Europe.

"VI. We earnestly urge the Allied governments in World War II to expedite the writing of peace treaties between the combatants at the earliest opportunity."

2. *Human Rights.* We rejoice in the adoption of the International Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly. We urge Methodist women to work toward bringing federal, state, and local laws and practices into conformity with the standards stated in this Declaration.

Also we urge congressional approval of the Convention on Genocide, which the UN has approved; this measure would outlaw mass destruction of any people because of race, creed, or nationality.

We furthermore urge the early adoption by the United Nations of an International Covenant on Human Rights,

which, upon ratification by the United States Senate, would be legally binding upon this nation.

3. *Displaced Persons.* We urge members of the Woman's Societies to co-operate in local church and community efforts to resettle displaced persons in their communities. (Interested Methodist groups should write Dr. Gaither Warfield, Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., for instructions, forms, etc.)

We further request Methodist women to write President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall, urging immediate steps to carry out the provisions for admitting quickly the 205,000 displaced persons as authorized by the law enacted in 1948.

We furthermore recommend the early amending by Congress of the Displaced Persons Act to eliminate discriminatory provisions and insure the admission of a fairer cross section of displaced persons.

4. *Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act.* We reaffirm support of legislation extending the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act for at least three years, and the ratification of the ITO Charter.

5. *Peacetime Conscription.* We reaffirm unequivocal opposition to universal military training in time of peace. We ask for the termination of the peacetime draft at the date set by the present law. We appeal to the United States to give bold leadership looking toward universal abolition of peacetime conscription by or through the United Nations.

6. *Civil Rights.* In order to avoid a possible filibuster on civil rights measures in the Senate, we call upon the Senate to amend its rules by providing for limitation of debate.

We recommend that we call upon local, county, and state governments to pass legislation: (1) prohibiting the appearance on public highways, grounds, or buildings of persons from organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan, using disguises to conceal their identity; (2) against the desecration of the Cross as it is being used by the Ku Klux Klan to intimidate and spread terror.

7. *Freedom of Expression and Conscience.* "We stand for the recognition and maintenance of the rights of free speech, free assembly, and a free press; and for the encouragement of free communication of mind with mind, essential to the discovery of truth." (Social Creed, 1948.)

We express appreciation of the statement made on December 2, 1948, by the Council of Bishops concerning the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which reads in part: "We do believe that the publishing of falsehood concerning individuals who have never been interviewed, who have had no opportunity to refute allegations, in a word, for a body to act as a court, jury, and executioner, without individuals or organizations concerned being heard, is contrary to American tradition and in effect is to jeopardize our freedom."

We, therefore, recommend the outright abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

We furthermore support legislation which would establish a fair code of practices for congressional investigating committees, requiring a clearly defined scope for the inquiries; the right of an accused person to counsel; to know the charges against him; to be confronted by evidence and witnesses against him, the right to present in his own behalf his own witnesses and evidence.

We also recommend that organizations listed by the Attorney General as subversive be subject to test by open hearing.

8. *Adequate Standard of Living.* In order to establish an economic order capable of meeting human needs, we reaffirm support of the following: raising of the minimum wage; increased social security protection against old age and sickness, and against injury and unemployment; housing policy, including public housing, slum clearance, and rural housing; price control, rationing, and allocation of certain essential materials in scarce supply.

9. *Tax Dollar.* Greater public understanding is essential if a national tax policy is to be developed which would check inflation and reduce our national debt, without sacrificing our social welfare and foreign assistance programs. We therefore recommend:

That members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service study the use of the tax dollar for national defense, domestic services, and foreign aid, and the fairest distribution of the tax burden.

We suggest study of the regular reports of the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

10. *Alcohol.* We reaffirm support of legislation banning the interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages; we also recommend support of legislation prohibiting advertising which suggests, directly or indirectly, that alcoholic beverages are beneficial to health or social prestige, or are a part of American home life.

All Action Is Local

1. We recommend that the Department give more attention to leadership training in local societies and Guilds using staff members, jurisdiction, conference, and district secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in the training program, when feasible.

2. We recommend that the conference, district, and local secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities make use of the skills, experience, and information of members of the Department of Christian Social Relations residing within the bounds of their conference, with particular reference to work with local groups. (See names in new Annual Report *when available.*)

3. We call attention to the value of community self-surveys, and urge their use more widely by local groups with special attention to problems of human relations in the community. (Such problems may be related to housing, health, education, racial practices, employment, etc.)

4. We recognize the urgent need for women to mold an intelligent public opinion favorable to the UN. Therefore we recommend:

That UN Information Centers for local groups be set up under the guidance of secretaries of Christian Social Relations. Suggestions for same should be channeled through the *Information and Action Bulletin.*

5. We recommend that we examine ourselves and our individual income in the light of the Christian principle of proportionate giving. We further call upon the Committee on Spiritual Life for concurrent action and co-operative promotion of same.

6. We recommend that Methodist women find ways to make the local church the center of Christian fellowship for families and individuals through more adequate opportunities for social, recreational, and cultural activities.

7. We call attention to the *National Seminar of 1949* to be held at the National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Missouri, *July 22-August 5.* The theme of the seminar program is, "Local Church Women Building a World Christian Community." This seminar was recommended by the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in December, 1947, and is being jointly planned and promoted by the Department of Christian Social Relations, the Committee on Spiritual Life, and the Department of Missionary Education.

8. The dates of the *Churchmen's Washington Seminar,* with which the Woman's Division co-operates, are February 15-18 (to include the National Conference on Civil Liberties), March 1-4 (Rural Seminar), and May 3-6.

9. We call attention to the week of January 16, 1949, on *"The Church and Economic Life,"* and recommend that a study be made with emphasis on the problem of the Christian attitude on economic practices.

Home News Flashes

Miss Ella M. Fieger received her deaconess training at the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School, Washington, D. C. She was known as "The Mother of 20,000" when she retired in 1942 following thirty-six years of community service in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was also called "The Angel" by the people with whom she worked at old Trinity Temple and the Pittsburgh Goodwill Industries Community House. She was acclaimed throughout the city for her work among foreign-speaking people. After retirement, Miss Fieger made her home at Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home, Ocean Grove, New Jersey, where she passed away on June 24, 1948.

Miss Dorothy Leavitt entered deaconess work in 1896 following her study at Dana's College, Oberlin, Ohio, and the Detroit Training School, Detroit, Michigan. For seven years, she did social welfare work in several churches in Detroit; she also served King Avenue Church and West Park Church, Columbus, Ohio. From 1926 until her retirement in 1936, Miss Leavitt did field work with headquarters at the McKelvey Deaconess Home, Columbus, Ohio. At the time of her death, July 22, 1948, she was a member of the family at Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home, Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

Miss Emma J. Ridler began her work in 1898 as a Methodist deaconess at the Deaconess Home, Cleveland, Ohio. Except for a year at Port Whitby, Ontario, Canada, she served in the North-East Ohio Conference. Death came on July 23, 1948, at Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home, Ocean Grove, New Jersey, where she had lived since her retirement eighteen years ago.

Miss Angie S. Godwin, a deaconess and ordained elder in the Indiana Annual Conference, passed away on September 1, 1948, at her home in Greencastle, Indiana, where she had lived since her retirement in 1946. She had attended Chicago Training School and Jennings Seminary, Aurora, Illinois. For forty-four years, Miss Godwin served as parish deaconess, evangelist, and as pastor of several churches in the Indiana Conference.

Deaconess Connie B. Fagan, one of the pioneer Methodist deaconesses of South Georgia, was consecrated at the session of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held in St. Louis in 1911. Following graduation from the Methodist Training School, Nashville, Tennessee, Miss Fagan opened a Wesley House in the lead belt of Missouri. Her work in several Wesley Houses and as a church deaconess in Savannah and in Columbus, Georgia, will long be remembered. She died at the home of her sister in Savannah on September 20, 1948, where she had lived since her retirement in 1939.

Mrs. Alice Curtis was graduated from Lucy Webb Hayes Training School for Deaconesses, Washington, D. C., in 1910, and served in Camden, New Jersey; North Barre Community House, Barre, Vermont; and the Italian Mission, Schenectady, New York. After retirement, she made her home at Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home, Ocean Grove, New Jersey, where she passed away on September 22, 1948. Mrs. Curtis was 88 years of age, and is remembered especially by the boys with whom she worked in Barre.

Miss Dora Adron passed away at the home of her niece, Mrs. D. S. Dawson, on Pontiac, Michigan, on September 27, 1948. She was born in Canada. In 1871 she went to Iowa where she taught school until she entered Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. She graduated as a deaconess from the Chicago Training School in 1892, after which she served in Denver, Chicago, Milwaukee, and Seattle. She was made the secretary of the Deaconess Sisterhood, and traveled over the United States as well as spending one year in England, interesting people in the sisterhood. Before retirement she also served in Cincinnati. At the time of her passing she was 96 years of age. While physical strength had waned, mind and spirit were strong to the end. She continued her ministry even in her weakness by writing to her many friends until the very last, her letters always carrying words of inspiration and cheer.

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute

Miss Lucile Pierce, student counselor, writes of her new work at Ruston, Louisiana, as follows: "I doubt that any other place has so fine a spirit as this place. The secretary of Student Work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service has been most helpful and is a real friend to all the students. I am going to mention some things that I consider outstanding. First will be our deputation teams. Over thirty-five have volunteered for this service. The district superintendent has been most helpful and enthusiastic. This month teams have gone out to Choudrant, Simsboro, Downsville, and Trinity here in Ruston. These teams give the students excellent opportunities to develop their own ability to stand before people and talk. I think it is meaning something to the adults in the church to hear these young people speak, but it is meaning so much more to them to have the chance to do it.

"The second event of importance is our choice of a Fellow College and a Fellow American Project. They chose the Theological Seminary in Germany for their Fellow College. Mr. Bollinger has written us that this school is truly doing a good piece of work and that he considers it a fine choice. The Fellow American Project is the MacDonell School in Houma, Louisiana.

"As I work with students I hope to help them grow into good churchmen, to render service to others, to give generously and happily, to grow in their own religious faith as they work and play here, and to broaden their horizons so

they will be world-minded and not so provincial. Other work may be easier, less trying, have shorter hours, but I doubt that one can get the thrill out of many things that one does get from working with the college students or local youth. 'Every generation of youth is a God-given opportunity to lift mankind to higher levels of living.' "—MURIAL DAY.

Request for a Church

The people of Eloy, Arizona, through our Woman's Division workers in the Arizona Rural Project, Miss Ethel Wolf and Miss Dorothy Price, have requested that a Methodist church be established in Eloy. For more than two years a Sunday school has been held at the community center under the direction of these workers, and some of the young people feel that they are ready for church membership. The Division of Home Missions has sent a mobile minister to Eloy to help in establishing a church. Services are being held temporarily at the community center, but the Locations Committee of the conference already has several possible sites under consideration for the church building.—MARJORIE MINKLER.

Wolff Settlement Projects

Miss Lee Ola Foust writes from Tampa, Florida: "I feel that I am beginning to have a better understanding of the Latin people and their needs and am beginning to know better how to help meet those needs. We have taken many trips, assisted sometimes by the mothers, which, not only broadened the children's experiences, but helped them know how the different types of workers help them in all phases of life. It also stimulated much conversation and constructive activity afterwards. A visit to the dairy of the grandfather of one of the little boys, where they saw how the cows were cared for and milked, the process by which milk was purified and put in bottles, and then having some chocolate milk served them, helped them understand the work of those who help us have pure food. Another time we visited a bakery and watched the bakery man make cookies. As they bought some cookies for mid-morning lunch, they had some understanding of the work people do for us in order that we may have food, and that we must work to have money to buy it. We went to a fire station to see the fire engine and to hear the firemen tell of their work, and how we can help to prevent fires. A trip downtown to visit two pet shops gave the children friendly contacts with the bus driver and others. They learned the names of many small animals and something of their care. They learned the value as they bought a goldfish and a turtle. While downtown, a visit to a drug store to get ice cream gave them contacts with other helpers.

"A circus project, which culminated in a circus day planned by the children, to which they invited two other kindergarten groups, helped them to learn the names of many animals and to have many experiences of working together and sharing as well as entertaining guests. They brought their pets in cages, made by the fathers; they made animal cookies and paper balloons to share with guests.

"Experiences of preparing the soil, planting seeds and caring for them, also fixing narcissus bowls, and afterwards sharing the flowers with shut-ins and relatives and beautifying their own room, showed them how they could work with God in making a more beautiful world and making others happy. As we listened to a little boy say one morning, 'I have been thinking of God this morning; when I saw the flowers it made me think of him,' we felt that some seeds for spiritual development may have been planted.

"Once a week I had a group of six-year-old boys and girls. Many of them had been in kindergarten and as I tried to help them make adjustments in school, they continued kindergarten friendships, and brought other friends. Then through imaginary travels we broadened friendships to include boys and girls around the world, by the use of pictures, stories, songs, and costumes of other countries.

"Twice during the year they shared with others in a general settlement program, once by representing children of other countries with the costumes and singing 'Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World,' and again by dressing in Dutch costumes and giving a Dutch dance. Through all of our program and contacts we are endeavoring to help people know the Christian way and seek to follow that way." —MRS. MABEL GARRETT WAGNER.

Letters from Alaska

The following letters written right after Christmas were sent to Miss Dorothy Russell, formerly of Nome, Alaska, by two of her Eskimo friends. They are printed just as they were received by her.

"Dear Miss Russell: I just want to write a few lines to you or more. How are you? I am fine. On the 24th of December we had a program at the church. I said a peace over there. I had a set of dishes from Mama and an iron from her. I got a Bible Book and a Magic Slate from Church and a Christmas card. The play at the church was good. There was Mary, Joseph, some angels, and wisemen, and baby Jesus lying in a manger. Pauline was one of the angels at the play. There was a lot of presents under the tree just like last year. Well I hope you can understand my writing. Well I don't have much to say so Good-by and always a lot of luck. Yours truly, (signed) Anna Ailak."

"Dear Friend: I am so glad to get your letter and hope these slippers of Lapels will be the kind you want. The sisterhood had their meeting and ask me to write to you and some time send their best regards to you. They had their meeting at Mrs. McGrew's and Thanksgiving they had supper at clubhouse and was nice. Then they went to the basement in the church to have the service and program. This smelt fish hook is a Christmas present to you from the sisterhood, and a very Merry, Merry Christmas. From (signed) Emma Willoya."

Foreign News Flashes

Recently Arrived From—

Brazil: The Misses Garnet Everley, 107 E. 15th Street, Hutchinson, Kansas; Florence Martyn, R.N., 3220 Tenth Street, N. E., Washington 17, D. C.; Theresa Lorenz, Loyal, Oklahoma; Roxanna Oldroyd, 701 N. 2d Street, Arkansas City, Kansas.

China: Miss Mollie Townsend, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Philippines: Miss Bertha Odee, 622 Valencia Street, Dallas 10, Texas.

Recently Sailed For—

Africa: Miss Doris Cary.

China: Miss Birdice Lawrence.

India: The Misses Ella Perry, Edith Lacy, M.D., Ethel Whiting, Clara Kleiner, Monica Forsell, Lois Biddle (new).

Japan: The Misses Elizabeth Clarkem, Muriel Hayward, Mary Frances Jones, Martha Lewis, Jeanne Taylor, Martha Thomas, Shirley Webb, Miriam Brattain, Manie Towson, Mary Belle Oldridge, Mrs. Grace Carol Wilson, and Miss Eleanor Warne.

Korea: The Misses Sadie Maude Moore, Margaret Martin, Frances Rogers, Marian Bundy, Nancy Jones, Lola Eveans, Adrah Dent.

India

Miss Marjorie Dimmitt writes from Ranikhet, U. P.: "History has fairly galloped in our part of the world since I wrote my last letter. Both India and Pakistan are overwhelmed with problems, especially economic ones. In spite of the idealism of the leaders, public services in every line have deteriorated under the greed and bribery and inefficiency of self-seekers. A social sense has yet to be born. But it would be stupid to judge at this stage by accomplishments rather than by potentialities and visions. Of these the government has plenty. It is as full of reform schemes as a pillow is of feathers. Nor are all of them airy-fairy. Some hundreds of students have been sent abroad at state expense for training in many fields, particularly technical; and many experts have been brought from abroad to give advice. Some schemes, such as the immediate drastic overhauling of the educational system, have impractical elements. For instance, hundreds and thousands of teachers are expected to appear out of thin air for the sudden expansion of education. There is even talk of conscripting every educated person for five years' teaching. And in our province the Hindu language is suddenly to replace English, even in the universities.

"Well, I for one am thrilled at being in on the birthpangs of a nation. My faith is unbounded that the problems can in time be solved, though how a true democracy can ever grow on any but a Christian foundation makes one wrinkle his brow in wonder. I hope with all the changes India will never grow sophisticated; else she will lose her charm.

"My friend Gertrude Becker was summoned to the post office in Jubbulpore to open a parcel of foodstuffs that had arrived damaged. As she untied it a broken packet of soup noodles scattered over the floor. A postal clerk stopped to pick them up, then shouted, 'Why, here's an A!' Soon Gertrude and four clerks were on their knees, calling, 'Here's an X!' 'Here's a P!' 'I've got an H!' Lots of fun.

"Our happiest political news lately is that the Socialists have withdrawn from the Congress Party, to form a much-needed opposition to government, for whom absolute power has, of course, not been good. Jawaharlal Nehru's integrity and idealism is respected by all, but there is much criticism of the government's high-handed methods. Fortunately, religious groups with political leanings, such as the Hindu Mahasabba and the Muslim League, are banned today. We have learned with tragic thoroughness that politics and religion are a dread mixture."

China

Bishop Lacy sends the following Fukien notes: "The Fukien Union Theological College this year graduated its first class from the full four-years' college course—all of them Methodists, two women and two men. Nine more were graduated from the two-years' course in June and two in January, all of them but one being Methodists, and two large classes from the junior course. By arrangements now made with Hwa Nan College and Fukien Christian University, the theological students who pass the entrance examination of those colleges may take a five-year theological degree course, spending their third and fourth years in whichever college offers them the best choice of subjects. The first students in this five-year course are now entering their third year, having completed two years' residence in the Theological College. Theological College professors are registered on the faculties of one or another of the other colleges, thus securing government recognition for their course credits."

Japan

Excerpt of a letter from Miss Dora A. Wagner: "A fifty-four-year-old man, government school English teacher, member of my English Bible class, was baptized and joined the church recently. He had read the Bible for years, admiring the character of Christ, but never brought himself to make a decision. The greatest influence in leading him to a decision he relates as follows in a statement written for the pastor:

" 'When the war ended I was in a foreign land (Manchuria) where I lived like an animal among the people who denied religion. They considered their brutal, slavish, worldly individual lives as their highest national virtues, and also deception, inhumanity, and avarice. After having my life exposed to this threat of confusion and darkness for nearly two years I was

repatriated to see something very strange. What was it? Generosity, sincere sympathy, thoughtful consideration, and deep human love even toward those who were enemies and deserved to be utterly hated. This was the honest impression upon the hearts of all repatriates! I have lived nearly one year under this grace only to be made sure that this was nothing but the revelation of the spirit of Christ who prayed for those who crucified him, and the very practice of the teaching of Christ who taught us to love even enemies. Never before in human history has anyone seen such a wonderful testimony of his spirit.'

"Of other influences he says: 'I have seen Christian couples who were only too happy to help their friends when they came back from overseas by sharing their homes with them and their families of many members simply because they had been working in the same school! I am convinced that the permanent peace of the world and the welfare of all mankind can only be established when people search the teachings of Christ deeply, accept him like a child, and put them into practice. Here I do honestly cast myself—small, twisted, ugly and sinful as I am in the sight of God—to be cleansed and uplifted by Christ, and join with my senior Christians in building up the kingdom of God!'

"A graduate of a Buddhist Girls' High School was at one of our churches in Japan. She was introduced to the pastor of the church in Hakodate, after she had written to a missionary out of the blue, having seen this missionary's name in the newspaper. She expects to be baptized soon. This girl has to come on a crowded train from a fishing town about forty miles away where there is no church, but should be."

Brazil

Ruth Conner sends this: "I saw the beauty of the soul of a young Brazilian Christian. She was celebrating her twenty-first birthday. I am sure she must have thought much about how she was going to celebrate this wonderful anniversary. I am sure she must have prayed much, also, for only one who walked close to Christ could have made her choice. And thus, we young people of the church visited the prison in Campinas, had a worship service there for the forty-five prisoners, and afterwards had the privilege of seeing our young friend present each prisoner with a package of *doces* or Brazilian cookies, cakes, and candies. I don't know how the other young people felt. I only know that I had the wonderful experience of looking upon the beauty of a soul, giving to others somewhat of that which Christ had given to her."

Writing about the visit of Dr. Migule Rizzo, Presbyterian minister of Sao Paulo, to Colegio Americano, Porto Alegre, Brazil, Hellen Asher writes: "No one can calculate the results in deepened Christian character, but we do know that 207 girls went to the platform of our auditorium and signed cards when Dr. Rizzo gave the invitation to dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ. He will send literature to the girls during the year and has promised to come back next year. This revival service, coming just before the Eucharistic Congress with its glamour, ostentation, and lavish expenditure of funds, gives the Catholic girls a chance to compare the two types of religious faith. We feel our school thus begins to make inroads against the onrushing secularization of our day, and that we shall go forward with increased spiritual vigor to mold habit patterns in accordance with the concepts of the teachings of Jesus."

Cuba

Miss Eulalia Cook, Baguanos, writes: "We have five students from Baguanos now in the agricultural and industrial school in Mayari. The only boy we have there deserves a special paragraph. He comes from a home where the father is an alcoholic—and home life has been broken up—the family divided, etc. The school and Friendship House have taken the place of home and its securities and appreciation for him. He spent most of his time on this two-weeks' vacation helping us around here. He eliminated the leaks in the church roof, went to the country for the thatch necessary, and patched the roof of the 'rancho,' put in a drinking fountain for the children, widened the bridge for 'Carolina' (the station wagon), did some valuable repairs on the car, fixed the refrigerator so that it would work again, took some boys and made a bridge for a poor old paralyzed lady whom we take out to ride in 'Carolina' every now and then—and every afternoon supervised the boys' games. When he left he *thanked us for what we had done for him!*—saying that we had done more for him than his own family, etc. I am hoping that he will some day be the boys' club worker here—and teach practical studies."

New ambulance secured for Korea. Miss Henrietta Gibson, Treasurer, and Miss Margaret Billingsley. The missionaries have named the ambulance "Gibsley" for both of these workers

Day Apart Service[1]

Theme—"Growing in Grace," II Peter 3:18

(This service is based largely on *Newness of Life*,[2] by Estelle C. Carver. Frequent references are made to the text, a copy of which is an essential for the best use of this program. Hymn numbers refer to *The Methodist Hymnal.*)

PRELUDE: "Take Time To Be Holy," No. 251.

Preparation for Growth

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: O Lord, open thou our eyes,

Response: That we may see the beauty of goodness.

Leader: O Lord, open thou our ears,

Response: That we may hear the appeal of truth.

Leader: O Lord, open thou our lips,

Response: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. (*The Book of Worship,* The Methodist Church, page 162.)

HYMN: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine," No. 173, or "Breathe on Me, Breath of God," No. 180.

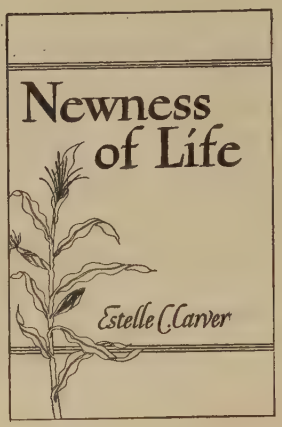
READER: "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

(Reading from *Newness of Life,* page 3—"Look up the derivation . . . . our Heavenly Father's love.")

What would this abundant flooding of my life sweep before it? (*Pause after each question.*) Inner tension? Petty criticism? Undue caution? Impatient judgment? Indifference to new truth?

HYMN: "O Thou, to Whose All-searching Sight," No. 360.

LEADER: *Growing* is a silent process. "Ear hath not heard" the buds of spring unfold—or the tall corn reach its summer height—or the



autumn leaves turn red and gold. But we see what has happened, in the beauty and fulfillment of it all. So may our spiritual growth today be fostered by silence—by the life-giving light of the Presence—by the hidden rivers of refreshing Grace. "How great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty!" exclaimed the prophet (Zechariah 9:17). Let us contemplate these, and pray for spirits sensitive to receive and quick to share.

PERIOD OF SILENCE (*soft music of "Holy, Holy, Holy," No. 1—throughout period*).

I. Growth Through Faith

HYMN: "Faith of Our Fathers," No. 256.

READER I: Scripture reading—Hebrews 11:32-38.

The author of *Newness of Life* points out that this is a record of *faith displayed in national life,* and asks, "What can we do as individuals or as members of a church, to bring back righteousness as a foundation stone of our national life?"

READER II: Let us think together about the necessity for *faith in man*—made in the image of God. (*Silence.*)

Let us remember Christ's faith in us as set forth by St. Paul. (Read Romans 5:6-8.)

Let us remember our Master's teachings about our attitude toward other people. (Read Matthew 18: 21, 22; 7:1; 7:3-5; 5:43-45; John 8:7-11.)

Let us relate these to our responsibility as Christian citizens in a democracy. (*Silence.*)

READER III: Scripture reading—John 4:46-54.

Let us think of the power of Christ to restore our spirits and enlarge our vision, through our faith. (*Silence.*)

RESPONSE BY ALL (*sung softly*): "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," No. 213, first three stanzas.

II. Growth Through Sustenance

READER: Scripture reading—John 6:1-14.

HYMN: "Break Thou the Bread of Life," No. 387.

READER: (reads from *Newness of Life,* page 46, bottom of page, "Human extremity . . . . but we have Thee").

MEDITATION:

Leader: Saved to serve:
Lighted to lighten:
Fed to feed.

(Soft music of "Break Thou the Bread of Life.")

"Someone has said that each individual touches intimately about ten persons. These ten constitute our 'multitude' for whom we must find bread. If we are faithful in feeding the ten assigned to us, then God will, as he sees fit, increase the number." (*Newness of Life,* page 62.)

May we each think about our ten? (*Silence.*)

Shall we pray silently for each of these whom our life touches most intimately? (*Silent prayer.*)

Shall we pray for grace sufficient in our own lives, that we may never fail them? (*Silent prayer.*)

May we humbly ask for growth in grace sufficient to help us minister to a larger circle? (*Silent prayer.*)

HYMN: "Lord, Speak to Me," No. 460 (*especially stanza 3.*)

[1] This service was prepared by Maude White Hardie.

[2] Available from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or Distributing Offices. 50 cents.

III. Growth Through Illumination

READER: "An imperative need of the growing soul is illumination." (*Newness of Life*, page 95.)

SCRIPTURE (*by several women*): Psalms 43:3; Genesis 1:3; John 8:12; Matthew 5:14; Revelation 21:23.

READER: Suppose the local church could be this unit of illumination for all its membership. (*Pause.*)

Suppose each member could see life growing radiant as though all were made new. (Read quotation from John Masefield in *Newness of Life*, page 101.) (*Pause.*)

If each of us could say with truth, "I live—yet not I, but Christ liveth in me," would our church shine more brightly for the indifferent and the bewildered people in our community? (*Silence.*)

SOLO: "Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth, Let Them Lead Me" *or*

HYMN: "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts," No. 345 (alternative tune, Canonbury, No. 116).

LEADER: Let us ask ourselves John Wesley's seven questions (*Newness of Life*, page 137).

HYMN: "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me," No. 222 (translated by John Wesley).

PERIOD OF PRAYER—*Leader* (*with pauses for silent prayer*): Let us pray, as individuals, for a new vision. Let us recognize our need for newness of life. Let us realize the transforming power of illumination. May we see, by this new vision, the part we play in God's plan. May we feel constrained to share the wonder and the beauty of what we have seen, even in humble ways. (Read *Newness of Life*, page 107, "I remember . . . . the place you want.")

HYMN: "Sometimes a Light Surprises," No. 351 (alternative tune, "Day of Rest," No. 352).

IV. Growth—Not Inflation

READER: Scripture—"First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear" (Matthew 4:28). "Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:20, 21).

LEADER: We are standing on the threshold of a great Advance in the name of Christ. We are being reminded of our church's program—"Our faith—our church—our ministry—our mission." We are aware as women that ours is a twofold responsibility, and that our building, our growth, must therefore be doubly sure. It must mean a permanent enlargement—not a passing enthusiasm or temporary inflation.

It is fitting, then, that in these closing moments we remember in prayer the goals which we have set for ourselves—those areas in which we are to grow.

1. *Our membership:* We pray for the women of our churches. We pray that they may find glad fulfillment of all their abilities in an outgiving mission for a world in need. (*Prayer, silent or spoken.*)

2. *Our local communities.* We pray for the women of our communities who are not at present within the membership of the church. May they be attracted by the greatness of the challenge and the richness of the fellowship. And may we, in turn, recognize our debt to them, for new interests and contacts which they offer. (*Prayer, silent or spoken.*)

3. *Our world community.* We pray that increasingly these words may become a reality to us. That the elements of forbearance, mutual help, recognition of hidden virtues, genuine affection for those even but little known, which characterize the local community, may be extended on a world scale. And that we may show forth this attitude "not only with our lips but in our lives" to those who make up the world for which Christ died. (*Prayer, silent or spoken.*)

ADVANCE HYMN: "Advance, O Church of God" (played softly). Hymn then read in unison, standing.

PRAYER—*Leader* (*Newness of Life*, page 151): "Child of the Eternal Perfect . . . . which is God himself." Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Take Time to Be Holy," No. 251.

The Methodist Woman Serves Another Quadrennium

(*Continued from page 5*)

1. Every Methodist woman a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service or Wesleyan Service Guild.

2. Every Methodist woman studying, giving, building, and praying for a world Christian community.

3. One thousand new missionaries, deaconesses, and other full-time Christian workers to help meet the needs of the world.

4. For the first year, increased giving of 33-1/3 per cent to the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for appropriations.

1948-49—By His Light Shall the Nations Walk

Grace Noll Crowell introduced our theme for 1948-49 with these words:

By his light, and only by his guiding light
Can the troubled nations of the earth move on,
And upward through this dark perplexing night
To face at last the glory of the dawn:

It is significant that Advance Day in the Woman's Society was set for Epiphany Day—the Day of Lights, January 6, 1949. This is the day in church history which commemorates the visit of the three Wise Men who came bearing gifts to the Christ Child. The day should also usher in a new quadrennium with the women of the church committed to Advance. We, as no other group in the church, have been studying about the needs of the world. In the words of our president: "It is easy to visualize you, by the thousands, entering immediately into the planning and praying necessary to undergird this *Advance program* in the work of our society. With confidence, courage, and consecration you move steadily forward."

By MRS. H. W. BLAND DETWILER

Human Values in Labor Questions

"THE chief duty of the church here should be to reveal the divinity of Christianity by the humanity of its preaching and practice." This very arresting sentence closes the program material so ably written by Bishop Francis J. McConnell.

I. This time we are presenting suggestions for the actual working out of the program itself.

PROGRAM A (see *Program Material,** pages 89-100): (1) Use topic and discussion method. (2) Contrast "Village Blacksmith" days with the present day! (3) Have a chart or visual-aid meeting, showing interesting lists of changes in labor devices from horse-and-buggy days to the present. (Open discussion on above, using question and answer method—how these devices affect us.) (4) Begin with "Eternal Values" and work through section, "Obligations Upon Us All." (*Program Material,** page 97.) (5) Group may be divided into "Labor" and "Management" for discussion. (6) Do you have any separations socially because of economic situations in your church group? (There are lovely women who consciously or unconsciously affect the Christian witness in this manner. Face it in your Program Committee meeting.)

PROGRAM B: Very useable as outlined. (1) Impressive to have soft music (violin and piano, or records) while "The Village Blacksmith" is given from memory. (2) Clever to have "the horse-and-buggy days" (*Program Material,** page 102) given by a woman in period costume. (3) Talks on industrial situation and unions (page 103) given by women in "working togs." (4) Poster with a large hand drawn in which is pasted a cut-out picture of a working man (page 104). (5) Practical talk-it-over time by the group—Do these things concern us? What needs to be done in our own community?

Other Suggestions

From the Northeastern Jurisdiction comes the following for March:

For this month we suggest a joint meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Purpose of program stated in the following—

Announcement for church calendar and for a poster to be displayed at the February meetings of each group, and in the vestibule of the church:

"Human Values in Labor Questions" are of concern alike to the woman who is employed, and to the woman whose husband and children are employed.

The W. S. C. S. and the W. S. G. Will consider the above subject in a joint meeting

March, 1949

Come for Information, New Perspective, and to Help Interpret Labor Questions from Your Viewpoint and Experience.

Publicity. The above, and news about personalities in program.

Program. General approach (background for our better perspective).

1. Recitation—"The Village Blacksmith."

2. Six three-minute talks based on material from both A and B Programs.

3. Action—A game using glossary of labor terms, entire audience participating. (See *Program Material,** page 100.) Pass papers with glossary terms listed. Leader gives definitions for group to take notes, filling in space after each term. Then call a group of volunteers to front of room for quiz game. Present a prize (really handsome) to person defining most terms correctly in answer to interrogation by leader.

4. Panel Discussion—Certainly in our church circles there should be comfortable discussion and mutual frankness.

Participants in this feature should include members of both organizations who will be prepared to speak out of personal experience and observation on the following, or other topics, according to individual choice and suggestion:

(a) Things I have seen which show that labor unions are not selfish, but effective for the general good.

(b) Fears which seem justifiable in regard to labor unionism.

(c) Working conditions in our commuunity that could be improved or that are noteworthy.

(d) Comments regarding recent labor news, local or national.

(e) Discussion invited from floor by program chairman.

Worship Service. As presented in *Worship Services** on page 13.

Fellowship Period and Tea.

Another suggestion. It was a brilliant afternoon at Lake Forest where the North Central Jurisdiction was meeting. A reception committee representing each month in the program year had greeted us at the door. Each committee responsible for presenting the preview of a month was ready. When "March" was announced, a charming person stepped to the front and said, "As a preview of a possible introduction to 'Human Values and Labor Questions' let me present Mrs. Mahitable Spoonbelle."

Mrs. Mahitable Spoonbelle (a little old lady dressed in very old-fashioned clothes) tells of her life—weaving, cooking, and caring for her family of twelve.

Mrs. Mary Gold-an-Castle (very fashionably dressed) tells of all her modern conveniences—how she rests under an electric blanket—all kinds of gadgets.

Mrs. Methodist Church enters and asks Mrs. Gold-an-Castle what she does with all the time she saves. Mrs. G-and-C replies that she follows the round of usual social events—dances, dinner dates, country-club affairs, other club affairs, bridge, etc., etc. Mrs. Methodist Woman explains how Mrs. G-and-C has missed the beauty of the light of Christ in her life and all the vast possibilities of living through the spiritual emphasis that might come to her in knowing him.

Then the suggestion follows that the topic itself may very well lead not only to depicting progress in working conditions, but by round-table discussion both management and labor may be represented, with the emphasis being on the necessity for the light of Christ in all such relationships.

II. INVITATIONS, ATMOSPHERE, AND FELLOWSHIP are all suggested above. Be sure that the Wesleyan Service Guild is given a very special invitation to participate.

III. ACTION. In your own community, is there any kind of labor situation in which the church has not shown interest? Are there Wesleyan Service Guild women working anywhere in your vicinity who have not been contacted for Christ and the church? This is one of our greatest opportunities and most thrilling responsibilities.

*Available from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio; and Distributing Offices.

By MRS. ELOISE A. WOOLEVER, *Executive Secretary, Woman's Section, Division of Education and Cultivation*

A Fellowship of Joy

A Ritual for Receiving New Members During the Advance Program

(Following the *Day of Advance* in January many societies will wish to have a welcoming service for new members who are coming into the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Maude White Hardie, well known to readers of *The Methodist Woman*, has given us the following beautiful service.—E. A. W.)

PRELUDE: Hymn No. 12, "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee."

PRESIDENT (*addressing all*): It is a joyous thing to be a part of a great forward movement for God. The consciousness of it makes "the path . . . . as a shining light which shineth more and more."[1] It is that light which "is still shining in the darkness, for the darkness has never put it out."[2] We remember that "His Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom,"[3] and his truth endureth. Across the centuries we hear a voice from the Old Testament saying, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this?"[4] And from the New Testament our Master speaks, "The Kingdom of God is within you."[5] "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."[6]

SECRETARY: With this joy in our hearts we recognize that our purpose as members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service dare not stop short of any areas of life or thought included in the Realm of God. Let us read this purpose together:

ALL (*reading in unison*):

SECRETARY:

"Go, labor on! Spend and be spent;
Thy joy to do the Father's will;
It is the way the Master went—
Should not the servant tread it still?"

(No. 292, *Methodist Hymnal.*)

(Soft music of No. 292, *Methodist Hymnal,* as she reads.)

PRESIDENT: Will the new members stand?

The Master told his disciples that he had shared with them the undergirding fact of God's abiding love, so that his joy might remain in them, and their joy might be full.[7]

We welcome you to a fellowship of joy.

Yours is the widest field to which the Woman's Society of Christian Service has ever welcomed new members. The *Advance* is on. "The day of march has come." Will you accept the joyous responsibilities which membership entails?

NEW MEMBERS (*in unison*): I pledge—

My *prayers* to bind me closer to Him in whose strength I live.

My *service* in the extension of God's kingdom.

My *gifts* to the support of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

PRESIDENT: Will you sign the Membership Book?

(At this point, if desired, white candles, which have already been placed on the worship table, one for each new member, may be lighted one by one, as each woman signs the Membership Book, and her name is announced by the Secretary. Music of No. 226, "O Jesus I Have Promised," may softly accompany the signing and announcing of the names.)

PRESIDENT:

"To give and give, and give again,
What God hath given thee;
To spend thyself nor count the cost,
To serve right gloriously
The God who gave all worlds that are,
And all that are to be."[8]

(No. 455, *Methodist Hymnal.*)

HYMN No. 455, *Methodist Hymnal* (solo or in unison).

PRAYER: "Our Father, who hast set a restlessness in our hearts, and made us all seekers after that which we can never fully find; . . . . set our eyes on far-off goals. Keep us at tasks too hard for us, that we may be driven to thee for strength; . . . . make us sure of the goal we cannot see, and of the hidden good in the world. Open our eyes to simple beauty all around us, and our hearts to the loveliness men hide from us because we do not try enough to understand them. Save us from ourselves, and show us a vision of a world made new. May thy Spirit of peace and illumination so enlighten our minds that all life shall glow with new meaning and new purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

(Prayer for a High Calling, page 339, *The Book of Worship,* The Methodist Publishing House, 1945.)

POSTLUDE: Hymn No. 89, "Joy to the World."

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[1] Proverbs 4:18.
[2] John 1:5, Goodspeed Translation.
[3] Daniel 4:3.
[4] Esther 4:14.
[5] Luke 17:21.
[6] Matthew 25:33.
[7] John 15:11.
[8] Geoffrey A. Studdert-Kennedy, Hodder and Stoughton, Publishers. Used by permission.

By ELIZABETH STINSON, *Secretary*

"With My Mind I . . . Serve"

Most of us find ourselves at times in unenviable situations. If any Secretary of Missionary Education in the Woman's Society of Christian Service has had the responsibility of recommending or sponsoring only one, two, or three studies out of the four courses approved for 1948-49, she must have found herself in one of these. Or if she first made her decision rather easily, selecting that study or those studies which the local circumstances seemed to warrant, could she feel complacent after reading the suggestions given in THE METHODIST WOMAN for the study of "America's Geographical Frontiers," "The Bible and Human Rights," "The Growth of the Spiritual Life," and "China in the Asia of Today," supplemented by the films listed in the Advance issue?

Even now groups of women in societies which have not planned for all four courses might arrange for one more study in the series—perhaps during the Lenten season. If you have not had the course, "The Growth of the Spiritual Life," that would be a most appropriate study for Holy Week, since the text, *Newness of Life*,* is based on the Gospel of John. You may recall that this Gospel after the eleventh chapter deals with the last week of Jesus' life, the crucifixion, and the resurrection. Any one of the other texts would also be appropriate for the pre-Easter season.

The women of Methodism have available rich resources for an understanding of major issues confronting the world today and practical helps offered for dealing with them by men and women who speak out of personal experience and deep conviction. It is tremendously important that Christian women of every denomination avail themselves of the opportunity to know—in a world "kept on fire" by "cold wars" around the globe—and then to act.

But it is not enough that the women study, give, build, and pray for a world Christian community. Being so great, the task requires the combined effort of both men and women, and indeed of all groups within the church and community. That the Advance is for the entire church—not for the women only; for all the major denominations—not the Methodists only, is heartening.

For a number of years, the Woman's Society of Christian Service has co-operated with the Board of Education and the Board of Missions for at least one study. This is referred to as the joint study or the church-wide study. This year the text is *The Church and the Rural Community*,* by Bishop William C. Martin. Another book which every churchman and every nonchurch member would do well to read is *Let's Act Now*,* by Richard Terrill Baker, published for the Foreign Missions Conference by the Friendship Press, New York. It calls all Christians to world-wide advance in such statements as these:

"We are living at a bending time in human history between a world that's dying and another not yet born. Our civilization is caught—bogged down—between an inadequate past and an unknown future.

"The church never waits for the secular world to act where the good of mankind is concerned. . . . . It was the church that started the whole business of hospitals.

"When there were no schools, it was the church that established them.

"When the community cast out its infants, its sick, its leprous, its orphans, its aged, its weak, the church took them in. When the tyrants came, it was the church that resisted. It acted first, and when there were few that would act with it. It was the pioneer.

"The church has not given up this role of the pioneer . . . . and it invites you to come along. . . . . It offers you a plan for the D-Day of the biggest campaign of our lives."

The Guide for the Program of Advance in Foreign Missions emphasized a forum based on *Let's Act Now*,* and threw out this challenge: "It's later than we think. Hold one meeting at least for every man you can capture."

If, for any reason, the men of your local church have not initiated a forum or forums, cannot the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service discover some way to arouse interest in a forum or to co-operate with the pastor in promoting a study of one of these books, preferably for men and women?

Much could be accomplished also if both the men and women studied any one or all four of the approved studies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, two of which were written for the Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada for men and women of various denominations.

For some societies the greatest advance possible might lie in the direction of a closer co-operation with other groups within the church and community. Particularly might this be true for those societies which, directed through the years by steadfast and generous women, have so perfected their organization and disciplined their spirits that they now stand ready to move with the world toward oneness.

". . . . be ye all of one mind" (I Peter 3:8).

*Available from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio; and Distributing Offices.

Membership in the Wesleyan Service Guild

By MARION LELA NORRIS

LAST OCTOBER we had a guest meeting," writes a local Guild president. "It was really a party. Each one invited a guest. We got fourteen new members—about one in five invited. Not so bad?"

Another says: "On our membership committee we have those in different lines of work—office, nurse, teacher, department store, industry, and so on. This helps greatly to broaden our contacts and increases our potential membership."

A third president says: "Every Sunday morning we have one each of our membership and recreation committees at each door to welcome people and to help new members and guests to become acquainted."

Still another Guild president says: "After church service our Guild president, or one of our members appointed to represent her in case she cannot be present, stands at the door near the minister, takes down the names of newcomers and strangers, and calls on Guild members standing by to meet any employed women who may be visiting the church and to invite them to come to the next meeting of the Guild. In the last year we have increased our membership from 50 to 100."

In another church the Guild has for a number of years invited two officials of the church to be guests at each Guild meeting to acquaint them with the program of the Guild. It is not uncommon to have some woman, or man, inquire of the president when her, or his, turn is coming to be a Guild guest. This plan has given such splendid publicity to the Guild that a member of the board of trustees or official board frequently searches out a Guild member to whom to introduce a stranger who ought to become a Guild member.

Such experiences as these make the Guild confident that it can greatly increase its membership this quadrennium. Furthermore, the Advance program plans for active co-operation between the Promotion secretary of the Guild (formerly corresponding secretary) and the Promotion secretary of the Woman's Society in the local church. Frequently there is an employed woman rooming in the home of a Woman's Society member, who will hear about the Guild only through her.

When employed women give up gainful occupations, it is the aim of the Guild to have them go into the Woman's Society. Recently at a joint meeting of the Guild and the Woman's Society, one of the members of the society said, "I think your Guild ought to give us all your women who are no longer employed."

"Certainly, we shall be glad to do so," replied this young Guild member, "just as soon as you give us the employed women in your society."

Sometimes the work of the Woman's Society is being carried on so successfully that, though they wish the non-employed Guild members to join their membership, they are loath to trust any office or committee chairmanships to the new members. This is entirely understandable. On the other hand, in most Guilds those who would normally transfer to the Woman's Society have been actively engaged in the Guild program, and they do not wish to become merely listening members of the society. The Guild plan is "Every member of the Guild at work in an office, a chairmanship, or on a committee."

A field worker recently reported having attended an unusually fine meeting of a local Woman's Society. In fact, it was so outstanding that she felt they must have some special secret, and after the meeting pried to discover the secret. No one could answer her question. Finally one officer said: "Why, we were all active in the Guild before we joined the society. Would that help you?" "It did," said the field worker. "They carried their business techniques into their meetings, their programs, and their plans." Thus Guild membership is not just a matter of belonging. It is working together to help build the kingdom of God on earth.

What the Guild can mean to an individual Guild member is expressed in this way in a recent letter: "As I see it, the Guild emphasis, as expressed in the Guild goals approach, is both scientifically and religiously sound. It is in line both with the laws of individual growth and social progress. It points the way through our social conflicts. The promotion procedures dictated by it are in line with good psychology and social education. The ends it seeks are in line with the things Christ most emphasized. All in all, it points in the direction in which God seems to move.

"This understanding of the Guild did not come suddenly, of course, but its clarification did come recently. And not of the Guild alone. I now have a much surer sense of direction in regard to my classroom work, education administration, social education, intercultural education, and all the other related interests I have been working at. I see how they all tie in together. And with this sense of direction there has come a deeper concern, a more humble spirit, and a more tolerant attitude."

In a district Guild committee meeting, one of the Woman's Society members said: "Yes, of course, I'll do anything you wish me to do. . . . . Yes, I'll write to all churches where no Guild exists on the district to get names of employed women as contact persons." As a result she secured a number of names, and later said: "I like the Guild. It is on its toes, it is so up and coming."

We realize that cannot, today, be applied to all Guilds, but we hope as the Advance program gets under way it may be true for more Guilds.

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The picture at the bottom of the page was taken at Columbus at the Advance Meeting when members of the Standing Committee of the Guild were working out promotion plans for the new quadrennium with the jurisdiction Promotion secretaries, who were meeting as a Standing Committee with the executive secretary of the Women's Section of the Division of Education and Cultivation, Mrs. Eloise A. Woolever.

Wesleyan Service Guild Standing Committee meeting in Columbus

We Can Help

By MRS. J. N. R. SCORE, *South Central Jurisdiction, Secretary of Student Work*

THE great Four-Point Advance Program is on in every Methodist church. We, as Student secretaries, are vitally concerned in this program. We are the women who have entree to students. These students of ours are the ones to whom the church is looking to carry this Advance message to the four corners of the world.

The third point in this program is the recruiting of 1,000 life service volunteers within the next four years. We can and must help at this point.

Special committees are working in all the conferences now, planning programs for their annual meetings in the spring. What better time to hold up Student Work and especially the life service volunteers? Are the women in your conference acquainted with the students in that conference preparing for full-time Christian service? Do your life service students know that the women of your conference are interested in them and what they are preparing to do with their lives? How about getting them together as your guests during your conference session and giving your conference the biggest thrill it ever had?

Texas Conference had such a meeting at their conference in 1947. They bear witness to what it meant in renewed interest for recruiting. The conference planned their meeting to include a week end, so the students could come. They invited every life service volunteer (in college) in their conference, both boys and girls, to be their guests for the week end. The local women took them in their homes. The students arrived Saturday afternoon, in time for a banquet prepared for them on Saturday night. The students entertained the women at this affair with skits and songs, and it was a time of good fellowship together. The service that followed was especially suited to the students' need. Sunday started with a sunrise worship service, at which time many of the students gave testimony to the influences and conditions leading them to commitment. After that service the local young people's department played host to the students at breakfast and during the church-school hour. The morning service was the closing and the high point of the conference. It was a wonderful week end, and in the next few years when those students go to their fields of work, the women who were in that conference will have a special interest in each place they work. The names of those workers on their prayer calendars will be more than a name, because of personal knowledge of that worker. It will be a work where they will feel an ownership.

Such meetings will help in your recruiting program. It will help the young people in the church where the conference meets. It will help the women in attendance to go home on fire for the fine young people in their churches to join the ranks. It will help to strengthen the recruits who come to the conference.

Can't some of you have such a meeting in your conference this year?

The Advance in Missions for Youth

By HELEN L. JOHNSON, *Secretary of Youth Work*

THE theme of the Methodist Youth Fellowship for the quadrennium is "Jesus' Way —Our Way." Missions will have an important part in the carrying out of this theme. The four areas of advance include:

Leadership — A commission (or committee) on missions and world friendship in every local Methodist Youth Fellowship.

A secretary of Youth Work in the Woman's Society in every local church.

Study—A definite plan for the use of missionary units in youth curriculum—*Lessons for Intermediates, The Intermediate Fellowship, Highroad, Bible Lessons for Youth, The Program Quarterly, Christian Action.*

Time given for the study of the current Missionary Education Movement materials; once a week for four to six weeks.

A World Friendship Group of Girls, wherever practical, to become better acquainted with the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Giving—Every member in every M.Y.F. contributing to the Methodist Youth Fund. The Methodist Youth Fund will be youth's "special" in the Missions Advance program.

Every member in every M.Y.F. contributing to World Service.

Every M.Y.F. giving to relief through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Personnel — Acquaint the finest and ablest youth with the need and the opportunities for mission service.

Secretaries of Children's Work and the Quadrennial Advance

By RUBY VAN HOOSER, *Secretary of Children's Work*

When the Standing Committee on Children's Work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service met in annual session in Columbus, Ohio, October 2, 3, 1948, certain long-range purposes stood out clearly in the committee discussions toward which it seemed that secretaries of Children's Work should direct their efforts during the coming four years. Many other groups in the church, the community, and the world at large will also be directing their efforts to meet some of the same goals, and it is in the common facing of the tasks involved that hope lies for their ultimate achievement.

The following objectives for Children's Work in the quadrennial Advance of the Woman's Society were therefore adopted by the Standing Committee:

1. *The Child in the Home.* To promote Christian family life, so that the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of children may be more adequately met.

2. *The Child in the Church.* To work with all agencies of the church in whose jurisdiction the well-being of children may be planned in order that children may grow in Christian nurture through the program of the church for children, including missionary education.

(a) By working in the church and church school with children already enrolled.

(b) By working with the church and church school to reach the unreached children and their parents.

3. *The Child in the Community.* To help improve conditions affecting child welfare, to guide children so that they may participate in community life; to help children and adults respond to the needs of children in the world community.

4. *A Worker to Help Meet the Objectives.* To secure a secretary of Children's Work in each local Woman's Society of Christian Service who is a worker in the children's division of the church school, and who will earnestly strive to work toward these objectives to help children grow in Christian nurture at home, at church, and in the community, which now extends from the child's home to every country in the world.

Have You Seen These Pictures?

By NINA MILLEN

This article by Nina Millen, editor of the Children's Division of the Missionary Education Movement, will be of interest to parents as well as to workers with boys and girls.—Ruby Van Hooser, *Secretary of Children's Work.*

What kind of pets do children of other countries have? What kind of toys? Do such children have holidays, and if so, how do they keep them? What kind of churches and church schools do they have?

If you or the children you know have wondered about any of these things, then you ought to see the picture sets produced by the Missionary Education Movement. There is a set about pets and another about toys, and still another about babies. The sets about homes at festival time is one of the best-liked. It vies in popularity with the set that shows the ways in which children worship in many parts of the world.

Each set contains eight pictures and is accompanied by an insert sheet carrying stories about the pictures. The pictures are printed in four colors on heavy stock and are available in two sizes, post card and large.[1]

The large-size sets are adaptable for both home and church-school use. Many a home has several of the pictures in the child's room. The pictures are changed from time to time and each new picture may have a story told about it as it is placed on the wall. The children in the pictures — Chinese, Indian, Mexican, Japanese, Eskimo, Norwegian—whatever they may be—quickly become friends of the children in the room.

In the church school the pictures and their stories may be used in the worship services or on special days, or to supplement the studies that the children are making. For here are presented God's children who live in many lands. They are attractive and colorful. They have pets and toys and homes that they love. They celebrate Christmas and New Year's and sometimes birthdays. They worship through song and prayer and giving. They look as if they are ready to be true friends with children everywhere.

The titles are as follows: *Children and Their Toys Around the World; Children and Their Homes Around the World; Children and Their Pets Around the World; Children at Worship Around the World; Babies Around the World.*[1]

Reports from 98 conferences during the first quarter of the year show that while many thousands of primary and junior children in Sunday church school took part in a study of the emphasis on "The Bible Goes Round the World," additional sessions at the same time were held in 5,586 churches.

[1] Post card set, 25 cents; large-size set, $1.00. Order from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or from The Methodist Publishing House.

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE REPOR

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOARD OF MISSIO

Henrietta Gibs

CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS

Jurisdiction	Adult	W. S. G.	Paid on Pledge 1948	Total Pledged 1948	Student	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriatio 1948
Central:								
Atlanta	$ 743.28	$ 277.00	$ 1,020.28	$ 1,365.00	.....	$ 94.00	$ 6.91	$ 1,121.
Central Alabama	599.38	16.00	615.38	950.00	.....	.....	12.00	627.
Central West	415.89	100.00	515.89	600.00	$20.85	8.00	9.75	554.
Delaware	3,042.47	205.10	3,247.57	4,550.00	.....	276.00	20.73	3,544.
East Tennessee	519.00	77.00	596.00	650.00	.....	62.00	19.00	677.
Florida	.....	.....	.....	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lexington	2,319.45	627.35	2,946.80	4,050.00	.....	59.75	26.00	3,032.
Louisiana	1,019.99	142.50	1,162.49	1,711.50	.....	2.00	.....	1,164.
Mississippi	965.16	128.00	1,093.16	1,000.00	.....	34.87	.....	1,128.
North Carolina	802.95	10.00	812.95	1,068.00	.....	46.92	51.00	910.
Savannah	223.36	.....	223.36	375.00	8.00	.....	5.00	236.
South Carolina	1,673.78	188.00	1,861.78	1,829.00	32.00	10.00	70.00	1,973.
South Florida	206.25	10.00	216.25	275.00	.....	16.00	.....	232.
Southwest	325.00	.....	325.00	550.00	.....	.....	5.00	330.
Tennessee	494.76	26.40	521.16	1,100.00	.....	30.19	19.00	570.
Texas	1,920.25	181.11	2,101.36	2,050.00	13.00	133.56	30.06	2,277.
Upper Mississippi	242.75	17.00	259.75	402.00	.....	15.00	2.50	277.
Washington	2,594.24	387.93	2,982.17	5,000.00	.....	153.19	43.50	3,178.
West Texas	855.00	170.00	1,025.00	1,100.00	.....	10.00	17.00	1,052.
Total	18,962.96	2,563.39	21,526.35	28,925.50	73.85	951.48	337.45	22,889.
North Central:								
Dakota	11,918.70	719.50	12,638.20	13,500.00	.....	698.92	82.89	13,420.
Detroit	58,989.90	2,475.85	61,465.75	80,525.00	.....	3,719.92	414.31	65,599.
Illinois	81,513.59	3,603.74	85,117.33	100,000.00	10.00	3,623.11	779.84	89,529.
Indiana	51,942.77	3,731.85	55,674.62	66,000.00	.....	1,453.00	971.73	58,099.
Iowa-Des Moines	49,836.36	2,236.21	52,072.57	61,000.00	.....	3,762.13	508.35	56,343.
Michigan	40,046.88	2,103.56	42,150.44	59,000.00	.....	2,379.23	589.65	45,119.
Minnesota	22,254.99	829.50	23,084.49	30,000.00	.....	533.18	258.60	23,876.
North Dakota	10,236.35	206.75	10,443.10	9,775.00	.....	312.00	159.32	10,914.
North Indiana	53,233.59	2,611.12	55,844.71	60,000.00	.....	3,786.00	1,036.91	60,667.
North-East Ohio	88,186.52	4,216.41	92,402.93	130,000.00	.....	3,447.82	1,212.14	97,062.
Northern Minnesota	22,647.93	1,974.16	24,622.09	30,000.00	.....	755.00	349.17	25,726.
Northwest Indiana	24,896.60	1,196.22	26,092.82	34,018.00	.....	1,854.28	406.20	28,353.
Northwest Iowa	30,155.01	1,141.08	31,296.09	30,300.00	.....	1,492.00	262.48	33,050.
Ohio	119,890.20	5,704.00	125,594.20	168,500.00	.....	6,300.00	1,890.00	133,784.
Rock River	75,231.20	4,921.82	80,153.02	93,431.00	.....	3,072.00	533.70	83,758.
Southern Illinois	23,918.96	2,371.62	26,290.58	28,000.00	.....	2,126.01	406.72	28,823.
Upper Iowa	29,853.14	863.83	30,716.97	36,000.00	.....	2,521.56	383.81	33,622.
West Wisconsin	14,303.87	726.54	15,030.41	19,000.00	.....	560.33	84.42	15,675.
Wisconsin	20,052.33	666.50	20,718.83	27,450.00	.....	783.49	194.04	21,696.
Total	829,108.89	42,300.26	871,409.15	1,076,499.00	10.00	43,179.98	10,523.78	925,122.
Northeastern:								
Baltimore	69,402.88	1,750.76	71,153.14	85,000.00	5.00	2,596.86	371.83	74,126.
Central New York	25,769.08	689.61	26,458.69	39,000.00	.....	1,206.12	134.52	27,799.
Central Pennsylvania	29,406.59	516.70	29,923.29	40,000.00	.....	1,623.84	125.48	31,672.
Erie	36,172.36	599.32	36,771.68	50,000.00	.....	1,229.03	365.69	38,366.
Genesee	27,321.73	640.42	27,962.15	43,500.00	.....	403.33	103.82	28,469.
Maine	5,710.72	25.00	5,735.72	7,000.00	.....	38.63	27.25	5,801.
Newark	33,170.22	1,396.62	34,566.84	50,500.00	.....	561.04	207.76	35,335.
New England	13,661.20	89.00	13,750.20	27,662.00	1.00	526.92	171.07	14,449.
New England Southern	11,453.94	11.00	11,464.94	18,000.00	.....	581.96	.....	12,046.
New Hampshire	2,708.96	233.50	2,942.46	5,100.00	.....	66.72	40.82	3,050.
New Jersey	28,359.19	734.95	29,094.14	37,810.00	.....	475.37	287.44	29,856.
New York	16,427.18	1,548.20	17,975.38	30,000.00	.....	248.10	69.31	18,292.
New York East	28,746.99	1,686.53	30,433.52	41,450.00	.....	308.14	86.47	30,828.
Northern New York	14,490.40	585.56	15,075.96	22,500.00	.....	402.33	63.02	15,541.
Peninsula	23,222.07	110.90	23,332.97	27,000.00	.....	1,157.39	97.47	24,587.
Philadelphia	37,941.12	2,464.24	40,405.36	61,500.00	.....	1,846.98	344.47	42,596.
Pittsburgh	59,580.08	692.73	60,272.81	77,000.00	.....	3,724.56	658.96	64,656.
Troy	22,249.25	692.74	22,941.99	36,000.00	.....	413.44	28.00	23,383.
West Virginia	68,434.97	3,912.17	72,347.14	91,000.00	72.27	5,465.09	400.48	78,284.
Wyoming	21,755.50	519.02	22,274.52	36,000.00	.....	830.00	60.05	23,164.
Puerto Rico Provisional	63.00	.....	63.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	63.
Total	576,046.93	18,898.97	594,945.90	826,022.00	78.27	23,705.85	3,643.91	622,373.
South Central:								
Central Kansas	63,283.94	4,468.49	67,752.43	80,000.00	.....	2,323.22	803.03	70,878.
Central Texas	31,880.10	4,208.08	36,088.18	45,100.00	.....	1,758.97	135.07	37,982.
East Oklahoma	19,400.81	1,736.50	21,137.31	28,500.00	.....	624.74	200.99	21,963.
Indian Mission	409.00	.....	409.00	500.00	.....	.....	13.30	422.
Kansas	36,088.05	2,216.17	38,304.22	50,000.00	.....	1,422.33	340.36	40,066.
Little Rock	26,925.81	2,774.59	29,700.40	36,000.00	.....	1,217.31	143.29	31,061.

OR FIRST NINE MONTHS—1948

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DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

General propriations	Conference Work	Total on Appropriations 1948	Total on Appropriations 1947	Week of Prayer	Supplies	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Misc.	Total Receipts
1,121.19		$ 1,121.19	$ 1,073.21	$ 5.00	$ 191.72		$ 4.00		$ 1,321.91
627.38		627.38	505.80		28.10		2.25		657.73
554.49		554.49	626.00	9.13	49.00		2.10		614.72
2,190.16	$ 1,354.14	3,544.30	3,840.22	18.85	105.00		12.00		3,680.15
677.00		677.00	477.00	60.00	20.00				757.00
			373.55				2.50		2.50
3,032.55		3,032.55	2,307.50		90.00	$ 130.00	25.00		3,277.55
1,164.49		1,164.49	1,427.90	10.70	117.28		5.31		1,297.78
1,128.03		1,128.03	1,235.75		147.13				1,275.16
910.87		910.87	908.83	5.00	132.89		7.00		1,055.76
236.36		236.36	293.00	12.00	34.00				282.36
1,973.78		1,973.78	1,879.65	45.40	32.00		10.00		2,061.18
232.25		232.25	223.00		15.80	35.00	1.65		284.70
330.00		330.00	364.75		23.00		1.50		354.50
570.35		570.35	582.31		104.09	300.90	3.00		978.34
2,277.98		2,277.98	2,167.42	44.93	193.01		4.25		2,520.17
277.25		277.25	193.00		2.00		10.00		289.25
3,178.86		3,178.86	3,842.65		138.80		12.50		3,330.16
1,052.00		1,052.00	1,113.44	32.00	75.00	150.00	20.00		1,329.00
21,534.99	1,354.14	22,889.13	23,434.98	243.01	1,498.82	615.90	123.06		25,369.92
13,420.01		13,420.01	11,840.55	211.99	1,611.84			$ 35.50	15,279.34
62,337.48	3,262.50	65,599.98	65,736.47	231.47	5,061.66	1,408.69	79.60	50.00	72,431.40
76,704.78	12,825.00	89,529.78	78,189.61	117.07	5,536.78	1,274.25	88.78		96,546.66
55,448.85	2,650.50	58,099.35	57,509.40	63.27	2,966.19	1,336.06	64.40		62,529.27
52,963.05	3,380.00	56,343.05	53,685.20	78.25	3,551.47	6,636.97	96.00		66,705.74
41,119.32	4,000.00	45,119.32	47,746.52	16.50	4,389.01	345.00	65.78		49,935.61
23,876.27		23,876.27	23,724.47	28.40	4,463.07	508.75	20.53		28,897.02
10,914.42		10,914.42	9,883.63	3.25	979.50	292.50			12,189.67
56,167.62	4,500.00	60,667.62	59,569.61	145.16	3,916.08	1,395.00	62.64		66,186.50
80,409.53	16,653.36	97,062.89	111,374.71	221.04	6,300.80	2,809.97	110.00	100.00	106,604.70
25,726.26		25,726.26	26,889.34	77.99	1,428.25	425.50	40.00	210.00	27,908.00
28,353.30		28,353.30	29,785.65	239.66	1,910.38		45.37		30,548.71
30,981.87	2,068.70	33,050.57	30,524.03	49.77	2,275.26	346.50	41.02		35,763.12
118,292.55	15,491.65	133,784.20	122,044.05	219.90	11,808.20	5,016.20	150.00	558.35	151,536.85
79,074.58	4,684.14	83,758.72	82,103.50	129.69	3,313.29	2,620.87	80.12		89,902.69
26,823.31	2,000.00	28,823.31	26,182.14	28.75	4,085.94	1,277.13	25.00		34,240.13
33,322.34	300.00	33,622.34	30,410.50	140.83	4,286.41	1,467.35	40.00	245.00	39,801.93
14,586.84	1,088.32	15,675.16	17,251.84	86.99	1,549.27	242.00			17,553.42
21,696.36		21,696.36	20,701.84	86.23	1,403.60	15.00	26.62		23,227.81
852,218.74	72,904.17	925,122.91	905,153.06	2,176.21	70,837.00	27,417.74	1,035.86	1,198.85	1,027,788.57
65,182.94	8,943.89	74,126.83	71,578.57	188.52	4,698.19	6,602.57	68.68		85,684.79
27,199.41	599.92	27,799.33	25,946.44	74.65	981.20	232.00			29,087.18
27,148.63	4,523.98	31,672.61	30,079.25	62.38	2,176.51	738.36	50.62	282.50	34,982.98
34,199.72	4,166.68	38,366.40	35,320.98	19.75	5,653.02	660.16	42.50	1,028.85	45,770.68
26,785.92	1,683.38	28,469.30	30,400.00	11.50	1,579.89	3,031.62	38.23		33,130.54
5,516.60	285.00	5,801.60	5,140.85	35.82	204.00				6,041.42
31,660.64	3,675.00	35,335.64	35,789.87	82.22	480.91	674.00	40.00		36,612.77
9,114.19	5,335.00	14,449.19	14,495.07	72.99	1,021.76	4,671.66	2.90		20,218.50
10,100.22	1,946.68	12,046.90	12,077.01	28.72	123.45		15.00		12,214.07
3,050.00		3,050.00	3,580.53		116.00		8.00		3,174.00
26,481.95	3,375.00	29,856.95	29,471.19	52.45	1,043.45	1,337.00	41.49		32,331.34
18,292.79		18,292.79	20,733.62	88.80	931.75	110.00	28.34	2.25	19,453.93
28,953.13	1,875.00	30,828.13	30,509.11	48.26	2,352.01	15.00		50.00	33,293.40
15,541.31		15,541.31	13,336.74	26.40	555.21	80.90			16,203.82
20,390.86	4,196.97	24,587.83	22,602.65	3.50	1,812.25		44.22		26,447.80
37,563.46	5,033.35	42,596.81	45,370.88	19.50	2,386.44	441.50	53.78		45,498.03
53,061.86	11,594.47	64,656.33	60,925.57	88.15	3,035.03	1,527.62	54.46	185.24	69,546.83
23,383.43		23,383.43	23,983.48	50.53	657.63	686.47	65.00	145.00	24,988.06
71,234.98	7,050.00	78,284.98	69,424.53	136.64	8,707.24	5.00	74.25		87,208.11
19,664.23	3,500.34	23,164.57	26,778.66	41.87	1,503.17	514.63	40.00		25,264.24
63.00		63.00							63.00
554,589.27	67,784.66	622,373.93	607,545.00	1,132.65	40,019.11	21,328.49	667.47	1,693.84	687,215.49
69,524.58	1,354.10	70,878.68	67,886.44	80.27	6,000.80	160.00	71.88		77,191.63
37,982.22		37,982.22	32,970.66		5,316.61	283.50	26.62		43,608.95
21,963.04		21,963.04	24,982.10		1,797.53	1,722.50	22.89		25,505.96
422.30		422.30	573.53	79.00		65.00			566.30
35,325.23	4,741.68	40,066.91	37,528.46	78.23	2,788.48	450.50			43,384.12
30,873.50	187.50	31,061.00	29,994.80		1,624.86	185.72	26.03		32,897.61

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CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS

Jurisdiction	Adult	W. S. G.	Paid on Pledge 1948	Total Pledged 1948	Student	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriation 1948
South Central (Continued):								
Louisiana	41,865.03	3,484.05	45,349.08	50,000.00	.....	1,932.69	245.80	47,527.5
Missouri	17,194.29	444.90	17,639.19	22,500.00	.....	587.43	71.76	18,298.3
Nebraska	42,042.70	2,828.34	44,871.04	68,000.00	22.25	1,174.99	431.86	46,500.1
New Mexico	4,517.33	1,603.15	6,120.48	10,500.00	.....	380.69	73.00	6,574.1
North Arkansas	23,049.49	3,450.00	26,499.49	30,000.00	.....	520.05	59.56	27,079.1
North Texas	35,205.00	2,300.00	37,505.00	43,500.00	.....	750.00	112.50	38,367.5
Northwest Texas	25,764.09	2,512.37	28,276.46	31,500.00	1.00	2,224.96	159.16	30,661.5
St. Louis	24,211.39	2,511.94	26,723.33	37,000.00	.....	450.67	215.73	27,389.7
Southwest Mexican	442.78	.....	442.78	500.00	.....	74.90	36.20	553.8
Southwest Missouri	29,902.71	2,674.93	32,577.64	37,000.00	.....	1,104.29	240.94	33,922.8
Southwest Texas	35,914.56	3,230.16	39,144.72	42,000.00	.....	3,409.44	210.54	42,764.7
Texas	49,306.54	5,384.28	54,690.82	59,000.00	.....	2,372.85	577.14	57,640.8
West Oklahoma	30,009.66	3,820.00	33,829.66	45,000.00	.....	1,627.07	231.32	35,688.0
Total	537,413.28	49,647.95	587,061.23	716,600.00	23.25	23,956.60	4,301.55	615,342.6
Southeastern:								
Alabama	34,862.36	3,061.71	37,924.07	48,000.00	.....	1,200.16	262.41	39,386.6
Cuba Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida	59,780.09	4,874.75	64,654.84	73,000.00	.....	3,678.11	208.49	68,541.4
Holston	33,815.73	5,638.22	39,453.95	52,500.00	.....	4,079.79	199.46	43,733.2
Kentucky	23,913.94	2,916.12	26,830.06	32,000.00	.....	1,092.51	183.60	28,106.1
Louisville	20,391.23	2,633.43	23,024.66	40,000.00	2.00	1,421.25	178.54	24,626.4
Memphis	26,756.22	4,978.78	31,735.00	42,000.00	.....	1,062.01	170.83	32,967.8
Mississippi	26,893.57	3,468.66	30,362.23	38,000.00	104.87	690.58	141.06	31,298.7
North Alabama	39,341.24	5,258.76	44,600.00	60,000.00	20.65	2,530.56	186.47	47,337.6
North Carolina	50,927.88	6,407.69	57,335.57	68,000.00	.....	2,506.87	444.40	60,286.8
North Georgia	51,512.36	10,749.23	62,261.59	70,000.00	.....	2,075.46	598.53	64,935.5
North Mississippi	22,691.31	2,126.47	24,817.78	29,000.00	.....	1,745.86	70.96	26,634.6
South Carolina	23,507.65	1,760.08	25,267.73	30,000.00	.....	1,090.37	173.22	26,531.3
South Georgia	52,073.68	5,742.21	57,815.89	67,500.00	.....	1,460.99	228.89	59,505.7
Tennessee	27,002.81	3,763.10	30,765.91	41,000.00	.....	907.33	178.01	31,851.2
Upper South Carolina	35,261.27	3,033.23	38,294.50	40,000.00	.....	1,581.09	158.18	40,033.7
Virginia	91,308.71	3,789.69	95,098.40	110,000.00	.....	4,016.01	178.48	99,292.8
Western North Carolina	63,797.22	7,178.89	70,976.11	75,000.00	.....	3,059.64	213.86	74,249.6
Total	683,837.27	77,381.02	761,218.29	916,000.00	127.52	34,198.59	3,775.39	799,319.7
Western:								
Alaska Mission	122.25	.....	122.25	400.00	.....	.....	.....	122.2
California	37,653.11	2,275.35	39,928.46	48,000.00	.....	432.86	149.85	40,511.1
Colorado	18,300.51	1,510.98	19,811.49	25,000.00	.....	193.63	350.68	20,355.8
Hawaii	654.50	121.50	776.00	.....	.....	107.92	.....	883.9
Idaho	6,179.00	404.00	6,583.00	8,000.00	.....	228.58	12.52	6,824.1
Latin American Provisional	80.00	.....	80.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....	80.0
Montana	6,363.04	389.24	6,752.28	8,000.00	.....	201.99	132.52	7,086.7
Oregon	18,243.49	684.60	18,928.09	20,000.00	.....	957.80	207.72	20,093.6
Pacific Northwest	27,243.73	1,403.81	28,647.54	33,615.00	.....	933.34	196.79	29,777.6
Southern California-Arizona	100,450.01	4,977.75	105,427.76	140,000.00	.....	2,958.93	700.31	109,087.0
Utah Mission	931.92	.....	931.92	1,430.00	.....	97.84	8.50	1,038.2
Wyoming State	3,425.75	210.00	3,635.75	4,300.00	.....	55.75	42.00	3,733.5
Total	219,647.31	11,977.23	231,624.54	288,845.00	.....	6,168.64	1,800.89	239,594.0
Total from Conferences	2,865,016.64	202,768.82	3,067,785.46	3,852,891.50	312.89	132,161.14	24,382.97	3,224,642.4
Other Income for Appropriations:								
Deaconess Pensions	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enrolled Missionary Pension Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missionary and Deaconess Temporary Disability Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Interest Income Allocated from Endowment and Restricted Funds	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous and Gifts for Appropriations	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Student Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total	$2,865,016.64	$202,768.82	$3,067,785.46	$3,852,891.50	$312.89	$132,161.14	$24,382.97	$3,224,642.4

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DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

General Appropriations	Conference Work	Total on Appropriations 1948	Total on Appropriations 1947	Week of Prayer	Supplies	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Misc.	Total Receipts
47,527.57	.....	47,527.57	48,361.39	373.85	15,085.20	543.96	27.54	15.00	63,573.12
18,298.38	.....	18,298.38	17,131.49	32.45	1,611.03	2,228.93	26.20	.....	22,196.99
42,300.14	4,200.00	46,500.14	47,777.53	79.20	6,716.51	2,075.00	74.90	50.00	55,495.75
6,574.17	.....	6,574.17	6,231.63	.....	1,817.47	50.00	12.50	.....	8,454.14
26,891.63	187.47	27,079.10	21,051.09	.....	2,914.00	925.51	24.35	.....	30,942.96
38,367.50	.....	38,367.50	30,762.19	.....	2,742.06	1,585.00	31.40	.....	42,725.96
30,661.58	.....	30,661.58	28,562.53	39.96	5,435.41	1,293.55	.....	30.00	37,460.50
27,389.73	.....	27,389.73	27,020.07	35.99	4,660.90	8,865.53	25.00	.....	40,977.15
553.88	.....	553.88	606.91	.....	19.01	12.75	.....	.....	585.64
33,922.87	.....	33,922.87	32,219.48	183.99	3,128.77	615.00	31.06	.....	37,881.69
42,764.70	.....	42,764.70	32,176.42	49.77	8,937.00	475.00	.....	.....	52,226.47
57,640.81	.....	57,640.81	55,859.07	49.30	9,647.39	600.00	42.89	.....	67,980.39
35,688.05	.....	35,688.05	35,219.85	80.45	3,333.68	1,544.56	34.70	.....	40,681.44
604,671.88	10,670.75	615,342.63	576,915.64	1,162.46	83,576.71	23,682.01	477.96	95.00	724,336.77
39,386.64	.....	39,386.64	36,824.54	231.50	2,417.50	.....	27.83	.....	42,063.47
.....	.....	.....	18.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
68,541.44	.....	68,541.44	64,021.26	.....	7,908.69	1,038.91	47.85	.....	77,536.89
43,733.20	.....	43,733.20	41,259.52	.....	6,515.42	5,590.00	55.00	.....	55,893.62
28,106.17	.....	28,106.17	25,400.84	85.31	3,693.61	400.00	24.00	.....	32,309.09
24,626.45	.....	24,626.45	26,823.83	.....	702.44	1,217.24	20.15	30.00	26,596.28
32,967.84	.....	32,967.84	31,949.49	.....	3,289.27	100.00	28.67	10.00	36,395.78
31,298.74	.....	31,298.74	32,624.53	59.37	2,314.80	325.00	20.00	.....	34,017.91
47,337.68	.....	47,337.68	49,561.09	76.96	3,918.42	625.00	40.33	61.75	52,060.14
60,286.84	.....	60,286.84	59,260.79	.....	7,148.16	1,361.00	57.00	.....	68,853.00
64,935.58	.....	64,935.58	62,887.43	.....	6,635.02	3,033.60	250.00	50.00	74,904.20
26,634.60	.....	26,634.60	25,781.42	.....	2,815.65	.....	19.38	.....	29,469.63
26,531.32	.....	26,531.32	27,663.87	475.06	3,346.49	1,240.00	26.96	240.00	31,859.83
59,505.77	.....	59,505.77	61,189.14	132.05	5,476.92	3,998.00	40.12	.....	69,152.86
26,709.44	5,141.81	31,851.25	33,618.72	43.33	2,396.81	3,249.86	28.75	.....	37,570.00
40,033.77	.....	40,033.77	32,964.34	218.33	3,636.48	1,531.90	28.29	10.00	45,458.77
99,292.89	.....	99,292.89	89,776.49	402.49	2,828.28	2,158.05	95.00	.....	104,776.71
74,249.61	.....	74,249.61	73,283.41	363.54	12,404.37	200.00	78.12	.....	87,295.64
794,177.98	5,141.81	799,319.79	774,908.71	2,087.94	77,448.33	26,068.56	887.45	401.75	906,213.82
122.25	.....	122.25	252.00	.....	100.00	.....	1.00	.....	223.25
39,511.17	1,000.00	40,511.17	44,880.61	.....	5,151.45	345.50	41.65	15.00	46,064.77
17,534.10	2,821.70	20,355.80	19,809.42	54.38	1,329.02	158.42	33.03	50.00	21,980.65
883.92	.....	883.92	915.78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	883.92
6,824.10	.....	6,824.10	6,873.15	.....	735.50	.....	7.31	.....	7,566.91
80.00	.....	80.00	55.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80.00
6,524.29	562.50	7,086.79	6,669.14	.....	913.91	50.00	13.25	.....	8,063.95
19,343.62	749.99	20,093.61	18,500.18	.....	1,896.79	67.20	20.00	.....	22,077.60
27,674.82	2,102.85	29,777.67	30,208.64	53.68	2,186.58	135.00	30.00	.....	32,182.93
86,836.99	22,250.01	109,087.00	102,564.85	.....	10,656.01	6,162.45	76.00	.....	125,981.46
1,038.26	.....	1,038.26	1,111.84	1.00	59.15	.....	.....	.....	1,098.41
3,733.50	.....	3,733.50	3,659.00	.....	323.00	.....	.....	.....	4,056.50
210,107.02	29,487.05	239,594.07	235,499.61	109.06	23,351.41	6,918.57	222.24	65.00	270,260.35
3,037,299.88	187,342.58	3,224,642.46	3,123,457.00	6,911.33	296,731.38	106,031.27	3,414.04	3,454.44	3,641,184.92
39,059.67	.....	39,059.67	38,682.94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39,059.67
476.95	.....	476.95	486.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	476.95
2,500.00	.....	2,500.00	2,375.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,500.00
14,618.70	.....	14,618.70	15,253.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,618.70
5,908.07	.....	5,908.07	5,751.69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,908.07
556.46	.....	556.46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	556.46
63,119.85	.....	63,119.85	62,550.18						
$3,100,419.73	$187,342.58	$3,287,762.31	$3,186,007.18	$6,911.33	$296,731.38	$106,031.27	$3,414.04	$3,454.44	$3,704,304.77

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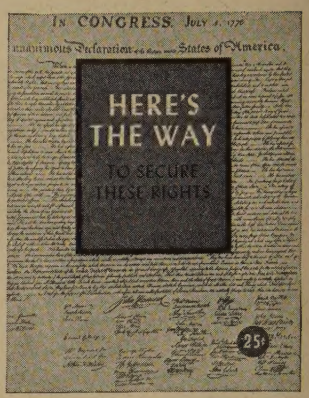

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